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Patten asks parents to stop teachers' boycotts

The education secretary has failed to sway the teaching unions to back his school tests. Now he is hoping parent power will head off the classroom revolt

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Patten yesterday launched a last-ditch effort to prevent a boycott of compulsory school testing by warning teachers and parents of a hidden union agenda to stop the national curriculum.

With Conservative MPs divided over his strategy, the education secretary appealed directly to parents in the hope that they would persuade their children's teachers to reject protest action in ballots over the next few weeks.

The threat of disruption in schools is suddenly one of the most serious problems facing the government. Mr Patten has already promised a review of the national curriculum, but yesterday some senior Tory MPs urged him to go further to mend fences with moderate teachers. But others urged him to stand firm, and Downing Street made plain the prime minister's strong backing for his minister.

Mr Patten insists that the tests will go ahead in spite of a call by three unions for a boycott, and he will use a meeting of the Tory backbench education committee to respond to MPs concerned about his "macho" strategy.

Yesterday, he said that serious professional teachers should think carefully before taking part in boycotts because they would end up damaging the children and the image of their profession. There were, he told *The Times*, two separate agendas.

One concerned professional teachers who were worried about the introduction of the tests as they had been worried about those for seven-year-olds and the mathematics and science tests last summer. "My message for them is that their views should be fed into the review of the national curriculum that will be carried out over the summer to improve things for the future as we have done in the past."

He continued: "The other agenda is clearly among some trade unions who, like the NUT president, want to stop the system of national testing and performance tables." On Saturday, Marion Darke, the NUT president, said that her union remained "implacably opposed" to national testing and publication of performance league tables.

Mr Patten also pointed to remarks from an NUT delegate who suggested that the objective was to take the whole of the Conservative education policy "down the tubes". The minister warned against the dangers of "bringing the implementation of the national curriculum to a full-stop and bringing the implementation of testing to a halt", and said: "The reforms will only succeed if they proceed."

Some Tory MPs said yesterday that Mr Patten was paying the price for becoming identified with a right-wing ideological approach since his appointment a year ago. One said: "He has clearly been trying to establish his credentials on that side of the party."

Alan Haselhurst, vice-chairman of the Tory education committee, said Mr Patten had to rebuild an alliance with mainstream teachers. "I hesitate to appear to give in but I cannot see how the tests are going to be implemented this year if, as it now appears, a large number of teachers have the bit between their teeth and are refusing to do so. It may be regrettable, but one is forced to say 'let's talk about it'." Speeding up the review of the curriculum might be an option, he added.

However, James Pawsey, chairman of the education committee, said: "Mr Patten has said there will be a review. He has made other concessions. The more concessions he makes, the more are demanded. If he were to make new concessions he might send the wrong signals."

Mr Pawsey detected a political pattern to the current spate of disputes. "I do not think it is a coincidence that we have got the NUM, the rail unions and three teaching unions now flexing their muscles. I wonder whether there is a view among certain people who want to see whether John Major's government is a soft touch after the Thatcher years and are seeking a rerun of the early 1980s."

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Pay strike vote

Schools could face further disruption if teachers vote today to strike over performance-related pay. If approved by the National Union of Teachers conference in Brighton, industrial action could be timed to coincide with strikes by miners and transport workers ..... Page 2

CHURCH LEADERS' EASTER MESSAGES OF PEACE



Easter blessing: Barbara Dhondt, seven, with the Archbishop of Canterbury

Archbishop calls for new moral crusade

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHURCH leaders pleaded yesterday for an end to war and a return to a morality based on Christian belief. The Pope called for peace in the former Yugoslavia, while the archbishops of Canterbury and York urged a return to old-fashioned values.

In a powerful sermon at Canterbury Cathedral, Dr George Carey called for a new moral order in which Christian valued underpinned the life of the nation. "The Resurrection declares that ultimately, evil has been defeated. There is a battle in the world, and we all know it, between good and evil," he said. The Good Friday cross was a symbol of the evil that "destroys innocent passers-by and small children in shopping precincts by terrorism and murder".

Referring to the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and famine in Africa, he added: "Evil, it fills us with horror and a kind of moral panic."

The Pope renewed his plea for world peace at mass in St Peter's Square, Rome. "May the Easter message ring out loudly, especially in those places where violence, anguish and despair still oppress individuals, people and nations."

At York Minster, Dr John Habgood said the empty tomb that heralded knowledge of the Resurrection was "an appropriate symbolism at a time when as a nation we have stared into the darkness of a violent society and felt something of our own moral emptiness". The most alarming feature of the present soul-searching was "awareness of how much as a people we seem to have lost our moral bearings", he said.

"After the bright hopes of three years ago, the world seems just as cruel and tragic a place as it was before the collapse of communism, and in some respects more dangerous." Describing the present era as an age of "spiritual emptiness", he said millions of people had lost their religious knowledge and instead "scramble about in the dustbins of popular culture."

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Violence flares as police open fire on Soweto mourners

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

VIOLENCE erupted in South Africa yesterday, less than 24 hours after the killing of Chris Hani, the popular leader of the Communist party.

President de Klerk, Nelson Mandela and other leading figures appealed for calm after the assassination, as a black man was killed during a clash with police in Soweto. Residents said police shot dead three people when they opened fire on a commemoration meeting for Hani, but reporters saw only one body.

Two policemen were badly hurt when a petrol bomb exploded inside their vehicle near the Bloemkombos squatter camp, 25 miles from Cape Town yesterday morning after they had gone to clear burning barricades. A crowd gathered outside the Groote Schuur residence of President de Klerk to protest about the murder, waving placards and singing freedom songs, but they dispersed peacefully.

President de Klerk said the authorities were preparing charges against the man arrested in connection with Hani's murder. He said justice had to be done as quickly as possible to reduce the tension created by the assassination.

"It's extremely important all political groups ensure their followers and supporters are kept calm and are admonished not to allow emotion to sweep the country and delay negotiations," he said. Mr de Klerk also paid tribute to Hani, saying he had played a constructive role in efforts to negotiate a peaceful transition to democracy.

The Johannesburg *Sunday Times* said Janusz Walus, 40, the Polish immigrant arrested in connection with Hani's killing, "had close links to the most militant faction of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB)", the far right group led by Eugene Terre'Blanche. It quoted people who knew Mr Walus as saying he was virulently anti-communist and was a member of the pro-apartheid, right-wing Conservative party. Andries Treurnicht, the Conservative party leader, denied knowing Mr Walus and rejected any attempt to tie his party to the assassination. Mr Walus is due to appear in court tomorrow.

Police have backed away from their earlier contention that the killing was the act of a lone gunman. Hani's 15-year-old daughter, who was with him when he was killed, said that they were followed home by two cars, one red and one white. She had been reassured when the white car overtook them and the occupants waved. Then the red car followed them into their driveway and her father was killed.



De Klerk: justice must not be delayed

In his televised appeal for calm, Mr Mandela said: "With all the authority at my command, I appeal to all our people to remain calm and to honour the memory of Chris Hani by remaining a disciplined force for peace."

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Heseltine finds way to help DAF rescue

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE government is putting its weight behind the proposed management buyout of Leyland DAF's van plant at Birmingham by showing its readiness to provide millions of pounds in financial aid.

The environment and trade and industry departments are in discussions with the buyout team, led by Allan Amey, about the possibility of grants. A decision is expected in the next few weeks.

The DoE confirmed it is considering the provision of up to £4.8 million through Birmingham Heartlands Development Corporation, the economic regeneration body responsible for the area where Leyland DAF's Washwood Heath plant is situated.

It is proposed that the corporation, one of 11 such development agencies across the country, would buy some of the land occupied by the plant from Arthur Andersen, the Leyland DAF receiver. The land would be leased to other businesses or possibly to the buyout team, thereby reducing the amount of capital they require.

A DoE spokesman said the money required for the purchase of the land would come on top of the £5 million annual budget it gave to the corporation. Asked whether this was the first time the department had directly or indirectly provided funds to a company in receivership, he said: "It may well be, but if this grant means preserving jobs in a good industry then why not?"

The land under discussion, 40 acres of the 105-acre site, was originally earmarked for the company's proposed joint venture with Renault, the French manufacturer, before Leyland Daf went into receivership on February 2.

The buyout team are also in

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Surprise talks raise hopes of a peace deal for Ulster

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SECRET talks between John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party and Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, have excited speculation that a possible deal between the government and the IRA leading to a ceasefire is under discussion.

Mr Hume said yesterday that his 90-minute meeting with Mr Adams in Londonderry on Saturday had centred on the possibility of achieving a lasting peace. He hoped the talks would lead to an end to violence, although he emphasised that was only a hope.

News of the meeting electrified Northern Ireland's political establishment yesterday. Mr Hume told the Dublin *Sunday Tribune* that he had been asked by a number of clergymen to have a private meeting with Mr Adams and that the priests had been present throughout the encounter. Both he and Mr Adams had agreed to keep matters raised confidential. Mr Hume would not confirm suggestions that he would be consulting representatives of London and Dublin before a second meeting with Mr Adams was arranged.

Almost all sections of opinion in Northern Ireland, except the Unionists, gave enthusiastic backing to the talks, the first between the two parties since a series of fruitless discussions in 1988. Cardinal Cahal Daly, the Roman Catholic primate of Ireland, said he admired Mr Hume for taking a political risk in the cause of peace. He felt sure that he would not have agreed to see Mr Adams unless he believed there was a realistic hope that it could be achieved.

The Most Rev Robin Eames, the Church of Ireland primate, was more cautious. "Time alone will tell, but we have got to remember as Christians on this day of Resurrection that hope is the name of the game," he said.

Peter Temple-Morris, Conservative MP for Leominster and joint chairman of the British-Irish Parliamentary body, wished Mr Hume luck: "If he can open any doors, or get us anywhere nearer a ceasefire or peace, so much the better for him and for all of us," he said. Mr Temple-Morris noted however that talks between Mr Hume and Mr Adams were of a different order to any between Sinn Fein and the government. Those would only possible, he believed, if there was a permanent ceasefire.

The talks were condemned by Unionists as naive. Gregory

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NUT chiefs to call for pay strike

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TEACHERS are threatening to follow up their boycott of national curriculum tests with strikes over pay and class sizes.

Leaders of the National Union of Teachers yesterday denied accusations by John Patten, the education secretary, that their action against next term's tests was politically motivated. Doug McAvoy, the general secretary, pointed to a rare unanimous vote in the union's annual conference as evidence that the boycott reflected professional concerns.

Today, however, the union's executive will call for strikes in opposition to performance-related pay, and militant delegates will seek to make common cause with the mining and rail unions, which are also in dispute with the government. Further industrial action, over excessive class sizes, will be debated tomorrow.

Mr McAvoy insisted there was no link between the test boycott and any action on pay. The executive is likely to oppose harmonisation of action with non-teaching unions.

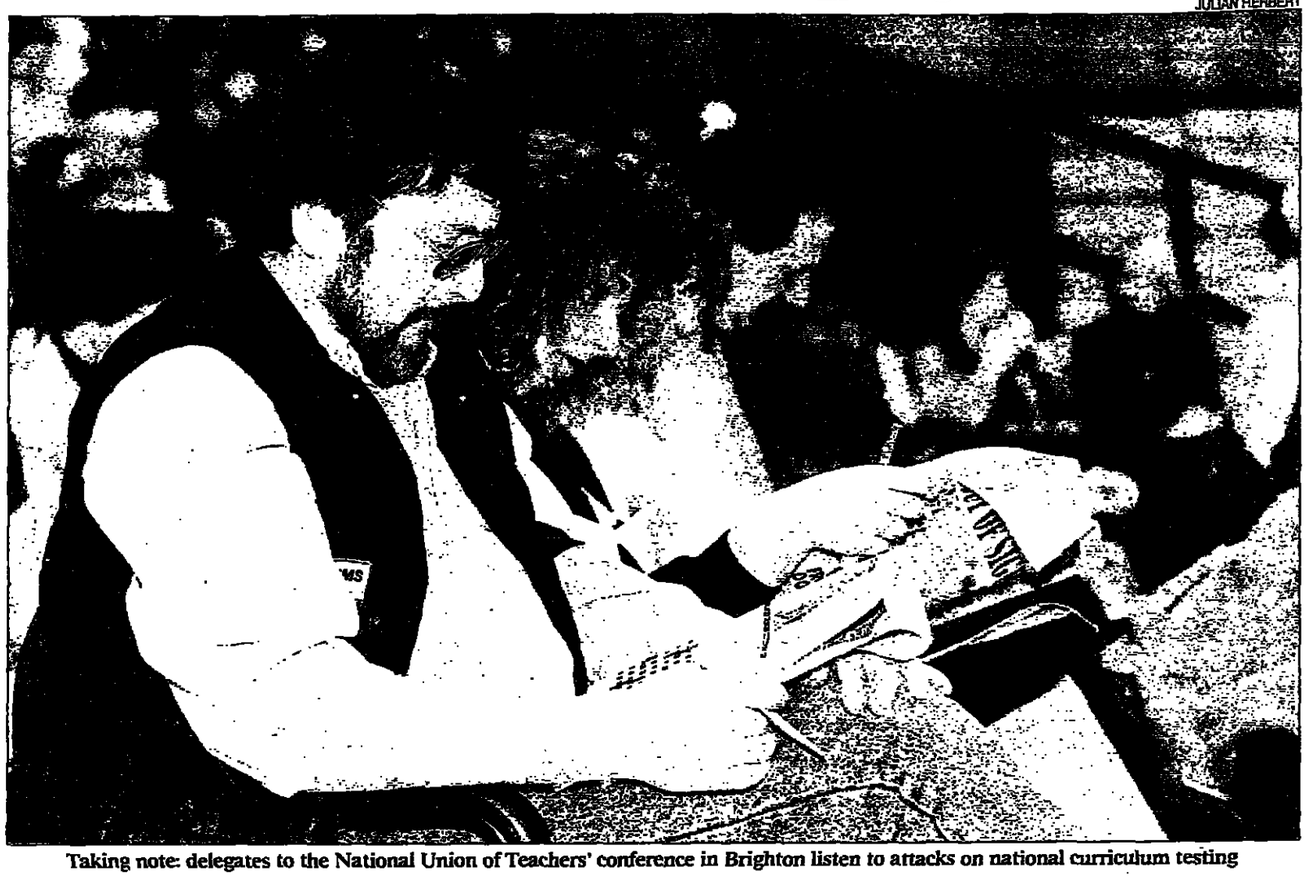
Mr Patten, in a radio interview, expressed confidence that this year's tests would go ahead despite the opposition of the three main classroom teachers' unions. He alleged that there were "two separate agendas" behind the boycott, with union activists taking advantage of professional concerns to try to halt the government's educational reforms.

"It would be a tragedy for seven-year-olds around the country if the unions pull the plug on their tests," he said.

Mr Patten hinted that a successful boycott might rebound on schools in future funding negotiations with the Treasury. "I have got to be in a position to justify demands for improved funding. I need evidence that standards are going up," he said. Mr McAvoy, listening to the broadcast at the union's conference in Brighton, said that the NUT's position had been misrepresented. "The secretary of state yet again seeks to denigrate members of the teaching profession, particularly those who happen to be in the NUT. He seeks to portray our opposition to the tests as based on political views. That is not the case." Conference delegates reacted angrily to Mr Patten's charge. Pat Williams, head of Kitchener Primary School, in Cardiff, said that her school had a tradition of assessment and testing, but it was "99.9 per cent certain" that the tests due next term would not go ahead. They had been shown to be unsound and could not proceed.

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JULIAN HERBERT



Taking note: delegates to the National Union of Teachers' conference in Brighton listen to attacks on national curriculum testing

Heseltine warning to 'crazy' Euro-rebels

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIVE Euro-rebels squared up for a fresh series of battles over Maastricht yesterday by warning the government that they would not "chicken out" of their efforts to kill the treaty.

With the Maastricht bill returning to the Commons on Thursday, Michael Heseltine told Tory MPs thinking of supporting Labour on the social chapter that they would be "crazy" to undermine the deal secured by the prime minister at Maastricht.

The board of trade president spoke as MPs prepared to resume the war of attrition that will involve votes in the next fortnight on a referendum and the "ticking timebomb" amendment that would require a separate Commons vote on the social chapter after the bill has gone through. A Tory pressure group backed by Baroness Thatcher said the battle over the treaty was draining the Conservative lifeblood. In an editorial in its latest journal the Conservative Way Forward spoke of an "awesome revenge" by the people at the next election if the government refused a referendum.

However, Mr Heseltine said: "I am obviously extremely worried that anyone in the Conservative party could contemplate throwing away the advantages that John Major secured at Maastricht in keeping us out of the social chapter. One of the most important battles we are fighting within Europe is to attract inward investment into this country, and one of the arguments is that we can provide the relatively competitive framework for investment and labour costs.

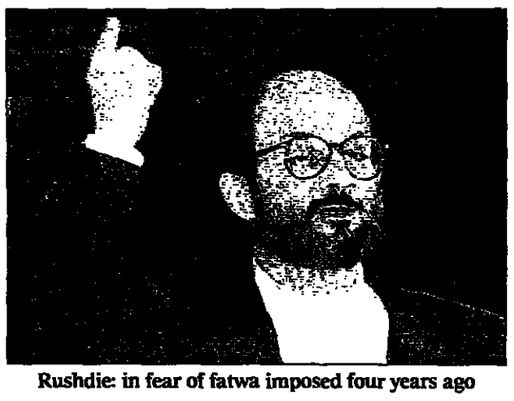
"But if some in the Conservative party are saying they are prepared to play games with the tactics, the risk of which is to bring back the social chapter, I find that extremely disquieting."

The Tory rebels are planning their tactics for the final stages of the bill's committee stage at a meeting on Wednesday or Thursday. They have yet to determine their attitude to the crucial new clause 75 which was surprisingly chosen for a vote by Michael Morris, the deputy speaker, in preference to amendment 27 which they had been pledged to back.

Although the whips remain hopeful that they can deter many of the rebels, a government defeat remains a strong possibility. James Cran, MP for Beverley and an unofficial whip for the rebels, said the objective was to kill the bill. He said no decision had been made on the new clause but added: "We have not come all this way and had the kitchen sink thrown at us continuously, just to chicken out now."

Mr Heseltine said the battle to ratify the treaty was worthwhile: "I do not see how Britain can do anything but lose if it marginalises itself within the Europe that is developing."

Conservative Way Forward, meanwhile, said: "Perhaps the Danes will release us from our misery in their referendum. Let us hope so. But if not, and the Government still refuses to allow a say to the British people, then the revenge wreaked in the next election could be awesome indeed."



Rushdie: in fear of fatwa imposed four years ago

Major to see Rushdie

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIVE MPs are warning John Major that he has made a mistake in agreeing to meet Salman Rushdie as part of the campaign to lift the death sentence imposed on the author by the late Ayatollah Khomeini.

Downing Street confirmed yesterday that a date had been set for the meeting. But Peter Temple-Morris, the senior Tory backbencher and foreign affairs expert, said: "It will not help anyone, least of all Mr Rushdie. I fear it is misguided because it could have the opposite effect to that which is intended and strengthen the hand of the extremist elements, who will argue that their country should not give way to another attempt by the Great Satan, Western power, to influence them."

Mr Temple-Morris's views are reported to be shared by many MPs. But in a letter to the MP for Leominster, Mr Major said: "We have a duty to defend fully the rights of a British citizen threatened in this way." He added that he was "very disturbed by continuing reports of the Iranian government's involvement in terrorism".

Rushdie has been in hiding for more than four years since the *fatwa* was issued.

Post Office sell-off plans are deferred

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT plans to set in train privatisation of the Post Office have been deferred until at least the middle of next month to avoid stirring public concerns ahead of the local government elections and the Newbury by-election.

Although an announcement had been expected within weeks, ministers have decided to put off any move towards a sale, to raise up to £2 billion, until the outcome of the May 6 poll is known.

Government sensitivity to public opinion has been heightened by the outcry over coal closures. The six-month coal review prevented Michael Heseltine, president of the board of trade, from making progress on the Post Office sale while Edward Leigh, the junior minister responsible, has been driven to spend weeks lobbying backbenchers for their support for a sell-off.

Responding to their concerns, Mr Leigh has repeated the government's commitment to retain a basic delivery service at a single price and conceded that some regulation would be needed for even a privatised post office.

After studies by City advisors, completed last year but still unpublished, ministers are believed to favour the flotation of the letter business. Royal Mail, which with 197,000 workers is one of the country's biggest employers.

In the year to the end of March last year Royal Mail made a £247 million pre-tax profit on sales of £5 billion. ParcelForce, the loss-making parcels business, and Post Office Counters, which runs main post offices and franchises 19,000 sub-post offices, would probably be sold separately.

However, ministers have been at pains to keep open the possibility that the Post Office could be retained in the public sector, but freed from the constraints of the public sector borrowing requirement.

Union leaders have sought to exploit backbench worries over the likely loss of rural sub-post offices by calling on the government to publish a green paper discussion document on the future of the Post Office rather than a white paper proposing specific privatisation measures.

Alan Johnson, general secretary-designate of the Union of Communication Workers, said: "There was no manifesto commitment to privatise the Post Office, and if they go ahead they will only just be able to complete privatisation before 1996. We would like a public debate, and then if they want to go ahead people can vote for it in the next election."

Aid for Leyland DAF

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talks with the DTI about the possibility of regional selective assistance under the Industrial Development Act 1982, which allows the department to give aid for capital projects. The DTI refused to disclose the sum being considered, but said that it would be related to the level of capital expenditure.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, has been at pains to keep open the option of providing government money to help the Leyland DAF rescue effort, although he declined to join the Dutch and Flemish governments in a rescue of the entire Anglo-Dutch company.

A spokesman for the management buyout team said any government funding would be separate from the financial package put together for the buyout, but he agreed that it would make the company more attractive to potential investors and lenders.

The deal is being backed by equity from 3i, the venture capital group, and loans from an undisclosed UK bank.

☐ The lorry company's rescue plans were also reinforced last week when the receivers announced the creation of a new marketing operation, based at Thame, Oxfordshire, to handle sales of DAF and Leyland DAF vehicles in the United Kingdom.

Talks lift hopes of peace in Ulster

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Campbell, a Unionist councillor in Londonderry said: "You cannot deal with the IRA or their political front; they do not see reason."

The meeting has come as a particular surprise in the light of recent IRA statements in which it appeared to be firmly against any softening of its position after the Warrington bombings three weeks ago. Senior republican figures have ruled out any unilateral moves towards a ceasefire; the IRA has dismissed an appeal by Gordon Wilson, the Irish senator, to end its violence, and it has put out a militaristic video warning Britain that it must choose between peace and war. Mr Wilson yesterday appeared to abandon his single-handed attempt to talk the IRA out of its campaign and instead called for the internment of all terrorist suspects.

One interpretation in Belfast, however, was that the Provisionals might be using Mr Hume and Mr Adams as go-betweens in an attempt to negotiate an agreement with Britain. It was being pointed out, for example, that Mr Hume was unlikely to have agreed to a meeting with Mr Adams unless there was some on the table realistic enough to merit serious discussion.

There is, however, also much evidence pointing to the encounter being nothing more than an open-ended attempt to restart dialogue between moderate nationalists and committed republicans. There is no evidence that the British or Irish governments knew of the meeting in advance, nor that either of the men involved are formally representing other parties.

Any agreement between the IRA and Britain looks a very long way off and is fraught with difficulty. The Provisionals want London to issue a declaration of intent to leave Ireland at some future date. Britain has repeatedly stated that it will not leave until a majority within the province votes that it should do so.

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Councils called to account

BY RACHEL KELLY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

TEN town halls, including such politically diverse councils as Canterbury, Hammersmith & Fulham, Hampshire and Liverpool, have been asked to account to the government for losses incurred by their council workforces.

Robin Squire, junior environment minister, said the losses amounted to almost £11 million. "The losses have to borne by local taxpayers," he said. "This can only lead to higher than necessary local taxes, reduced services, or both."

Councils are required by two acts of 1980 and 1988 to meet financial objects set by the environment secretary. The objective is normally to make at least a 5 per cent return on any capital employed in carrying out the activity.

Canterbury, Hammersmith & Fulham, Hampshire, Liverpool, Daventry, Hereford & Worcestershire, Sandwell, Southwark, Stoke-on-Trent, and Waltham Forest had all made losses, Mr Squire said.

The greatest losses were reported by Sandwell council, which lost £3.017 million on its building maintenance work, followed by Liverpool, which lost £1.366 million on its highways and sewers and Stoke-on-Trent, which lost money in its highways and sewers departments, cleaning, refuse collection and new building works over £50,000.

Councils are required by Mr Squire to confirm the losses and to make clear what steps they have taken to meet the requirement to make at least a 5 per cent return on any capital employed. Ultimately, ministers will decide whether to close down council's direct labour organisations.

Viewers' survey says television is too violent

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SEMINAL research carried out by the Independent Television Commission was challenged yesterday by a new survey which concludes that viewers believe there is too much violence on television.

The study, published by *TV Times* magazine, shows that 85 per cent of people believe that television companies are not careful enough in their monitoring of screen violence and that 59 per cent think there is a link between screen and real-life violence.

In the first detailed anaylsis of how gender influences attitudes to television violence, the survey shows a large difference between male and female attitudes, with 63 per cent of women claiming there is too much violence, against just 38 per cent of men.

The findings contrast with a survey published last month by the ITC, the regulatory body for independent television, which concluded that only 11 per cent of ITV and Channel 4 viewers and just 4 per cent of cable and satellite station viewers were offended by television violence.

Although both surveys agree that the vast majority of younger viewers find very little to offend them on television, they are also at variance over the family viewing watershed. While the ITC stated confidently that 93 per cent — the highest figure ever recorded — of parents knew about the 9pm agreed starting time for screening violent shows, 58 per cent of respondents in the *TV Times* study said they thought this was not late enough to protect young viewers.

The divergence between the two reports is bound to fuel the debate on television violence, which was sparked off last month by John Major's complaints about the "restless diet" of disturbing programmes on television, and re-emphasised by John Birt, the BBC's director-general, in a speech two weeks ago.

A glance at the Easter holiday television schedules, packed with family viewing classics and containing nothing more violent than the James Bond film *Thunderball* (being shown on ITV this afternoon), might indicate that broadcasters have taken this message on board.

Responding to the latest survey, which was based on a representative sample of 500 replies to a questionnaire printed in the *TV Times*, a spokesman for the BBC said: "We will continue to take great care over the portrayal of violence and keep the guidelines that inform our policy into this area under review."

Stuart Prebble, ITV's controller of network factual programmes, said he believed that most producers and schedulers had got the violence content "about right".

"It is our experience that most politicians and others who have expressed strong views on this subject don't watch much television," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New nurses facing long search for work

Newly-qualified nurses are facing a jobs shortage with many unable to find permanent posts on leaving college, according to a survey today.

Researchers for the BBC Radio 4 *Today* programme, found a "rapid shift from a dire shortage of nurses in the late 1980s to a present-day glut". Seventy-five of the 88 colleges of nursing agreed to take part in the survey and 32 said that half or more of their students could not find permanent jobs in their regions after qualifying. Only a handful of colleges claimed that all, or nearly all, their qualifiers would get a permanent job straight away in their areas.

The survey showed that some colleges were resigned to 70 per cent of their new nurses not finding jobs immediately. Worst-hit areas were Scotland, Northern Ireland, North-West Thames, South-East Thames and West Midlands. College principals blamed the recession, which had meant a decrease in the turnover of qualified nurses, thus creating fewer vacancies. The survey also predicted a sharp drop in student intake during 1993, with 51 colleges reducing student numbers and only 11 taking more.

£1m boat sold for £361

A fisherman has prompted an enquiry after his £1 million beam trawler was sold for £361 at auction in Rotterdam after Lloyds Bank called in receivers. Victor Vigo di Gallidoro, 43, of Lowestoft, Suffolk, won the enquiry from Sir Robin Ibbs, the chairman of Lloyds, into the handling of the sale of the 120ft *De Vrouw Melanie*. Mr Vigo di Gallidoro is now unemployed. He said: "I just couldn't believe it. Lloyds Bank themselves valued the boat at £1 million. I think it's bloody disgraceful." Gallidoro Trawlers was placed into receivership last year when Lloyds called in a £1.5 million loan. The company assets of more than £7 million were sold for £150,000.

Wyman ring auctioned

Mandy Smith, former wife of the Rolling Stones' Bill Wyman, gave her £30,000 engagement ring to a charity auction yesterday. Within minutes of it being offered to listeners of London's Capital Radio, the ring was bought by an unnamed American woman for £15,400, barely half the price paid by Wyman. He bought the ring for his teenage bride, 33 years his junior, before their secret wedding in 1989. The marriage ended in divorce one month short of their second anniversary. A spokeswoman for Capital Radio's Help a London Child appeal said Ms Smith delivered the ring personally. "She wanted to give something back to other people," the spokeswoman said.

Doll could save lives

Police are advising lone women motorists to travel with a male blow-up doll beside them. The doll's inventor, David Woodman, of Ash, Hampshire, suggests that the ruse will be more effective if women chat occasionally to the doll. Police have given the doll, which comes with a choice of wig, their backing. "Anyone planning an attack or a robbery on a woman motorist will think twice if it looks like she's got a man alongside her," said PC Peter Evans, a crime prevention officer at Winchester.

Deaths linked to drugs

Police are investigating the deaths from suspected drug overdoses of six men and one woman who were found in the King's Cross area of London within nine days of each other. They believe the seven, who were found between March 11 and 19, had taken heroin which was either too pure, which would kill the most hardened users if they were not used to it, or had been adulterated. Det Supt Mike Dixon, leading the enquiry, said that samples of drugs found with the victims had been sent for analysis.

Pit sit-in to end



Anne Scargill, left, wife of the NUM president, and three other women are expected to end their sit-in later today at Parkside colliery near Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside. Arthur Scargill is due to address a protest rally at the colliery, which is scheduled for closure. The four members of the Women Against Pit Closures group, went down the 1,600ft pit shaft on Thursday.

Family jumps to safety

A family of four jumped for their lives from a window when their terraced home in Radford, Nottingham, was attacked and set alight. They were asleep when a neighbour spotted flames and hurled a brick through an upstairs window. A couple and their son, three, and nine-month-old daughter dropped from a window on to a car parked below. They were treated in hospital for the effects of smoke inhalation. Fire officers said the blaze was started deliberately when flammable liquid was poured through the letter box.

Job for the boy

Albert Morrey, a builder, is offering £1,000 to anyone who will give his 15-year-old son a job. Scott will leave school in five weeks' time and hopes to be an electrician, but Mr Morrey, of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, says the recession has badly hit his son's prospects of employment. "I am desperate to help my son in whatever way I can," he said.

Cruise girl airlifted

A girl was airlifted by helicopter from a Greek ship at the weekend after falling ill with meningitis during a school trip to Egypt. Elly Manley, 13, of Halesowen, West Midlands, was flown to hospital in Akrotiri, Cyprus. Doctors said she was gravely ill when winched from the ship near Port Said but was responding to treatment.

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Prison escort talks brought forward after fourth escape

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MEETING between the head of the prison service and Group 4 has been brought forward amid ministerial alarm at a series of escapes during the first week of the private security firm's prison escort service.

Ministers and Derek Lewis, director-general of the service, are coming under pressure to "get a grip" on the situation or face public and parliamentary disquiet that could threaten the policy of more private-sector involvement in the criminal justice system.

The disclosure that a fourth prisoner in the custody of Group 4 had gone free during the first week of its five-year contract, worth £9.5 million a year, brought demands that the public be given more information about the obligations and penalties that the company faces.

Stephen Shaw of the Prison Reform Trust, an opponent of privatisation of prison services, said: "One escape is happenstance, two is coincidence but four is a scandal."

Ministers had expected teething troubles during the early days of the operation, but four escapes is considered unacceptable. Mr Lewis will meet Group 4 executives in the next few days, rather than on Tuesday week as had been planned.

The fourth prisoner, allowed to go free, was Stephen Binch, 20, who walked out of Mansfield Magistrates' Court, Nottinghamshire, on Thursday. He appeared on remand on burglary charges after being brought from Lincoln prison by Group 4. Afterwards he was due to appear at the same court on another matter but, according to Chief Supt Robin Searle, he was released.

Mr Searle said: "To have him released in this way is, to say the least, disappointing."

But yesterday Group 4, which undertakes escort duties in the east midlands and Humberside for all except category A prisoners, denied responsibility for the latest blunder and blamed it on "a procedural matter" to do with the court.

In a statement the company said it had released Mr Binch on the instructions of the court and had not known that he was required to appear again.

The company said it could not keep anyone in custody without clear instructions from one of the agencies involved in the criminal justice system.

Peter Lloyd, prisons minister, said: "There clearly was confusion, which is highly regrettable. The director-general is enquiring to see where responsibility for the confusion lay; whether it was with Group 4 or somebther part of the criminal justice system."

John Greenway, a Conservative member of the home affairs select committee, said the escapes and complaints about prisoners' late arrival at courts threatened to undermine the policy of injecting private-sector skills into the prison service. "The government and ministers must get a grip on what is happening. The public must have confidence and these escapes, particularly at a time of worry about law and order, will undermine public confidence," he said.

Group 4 executives at the meeting with Mr Lewis will include Michael Hirst, former chief constable of Leicestershire, who on retirement became head of the company's court services.

Mr Lewis will tell them of the government's unhappiness at their performance and highlight the obligations under their contract to deliver prisoners to court on time and to prevent escapes.



Lloyd: court confusion "highly regrettable"



Lewis: asking who was responsible for escapes

Divided families thin royal ranks at Easter service



Sport of princes: Princess of Wales and sons go racing

TED BATH



Family favourite: the Queen waves to onlookers at Windsor yesterday

BY ROBIN YOUNG

WHILE members of the royal family attended the Easter day service in St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle yesterday the Princess of Wales was taking her sons, Prince William, ten, and Prince Harry, eight, to the European motor-racing grand prix at Donington Park near Derby.

Police at the circuit said they had no prior notification of the princess's visit. On Saturday, she took her sons to a *Star Wars*-style games centre at Loughborough in Leicestershire.

Also missing from the royal party at Windsor were Prince Edward, and the Duchess of York and her daughters, princesses Beatrice, four, and Eugenie, three. The Duke of York accompanied the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in their car at Windsor, while the Prince of Wales accompanied Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to the service.

Hundreds of spectators gathered outside the chapel to see the royal party arrive in chauffeur-driven cars just before 11am. They were greeted by the Very Rev Patrick Mitchell, Dean of Windsor.

First to arrive was the Princess Royal and her husband of four months, Commander Timothy Laurence, with her daughter Zara. Next, to a cheer from the crowd, the Queen Mother arrived with the Prince of Wales and Princess Margaret.

The crowd reserved its biggest cheer for the final car carrying the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of York. The Queen, wearing a blue cloak and pink hat, waved briefly before entering the chapel.

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Roads and weather stick to tradition

BY ADAM FRESCO

TRADITIONALLY uncertain skies contributed to fewer traffic jams over the Easter holiday. However, AA Roadwatch, with its traditional refusal to look on the bright side, has issued a warning that holiday snarl-ups may be expected today whatever the weather.

Many decided to escape the sun and a winter of economic gloom with flights to sunnier parts. Heathrow and Gatwick airports found that passengers were well up on last year, with Florida, Tenerife, Málaga and European cities the favoured destinations. Gatwick said 250,000 passengers had booked over the four days, from Friday to Monday, up 20,000 on the same time last year.

The Easter parade at Battersea Park, London, with accompanying sideshows and holiday jollity, and the fair at Hampstead Heath were two bright spots in the capital that attracted the crowds. The European Grand Prix drew a crowd of about 60,000 at Donnington Park race track, Leicestershire, yesterday.

On a brighter but still traditional note, the London Weather Centre said most of the country would see sunny spells today with the occasional shower which could be heavy. The North West will be dry and sunny. Maximum temperatures in the South will be 13C, 55F while in the North it will be a bit cooler.

More traditionally still, it was revealed yesterday that Britons paid out about £300 million on chocolate eggs over Easter. About 85 million eggs changed hands, up from 80 million last year, at an average £3.50 each.

The Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance said prices were 10 per cent higher this year because of the increased price of milk and sugar.

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Killer might take boat

POLICE hunting a convicted sex killer fear he may try to steal a boat and flee the country, it emerged yesterday. Alan Houchin, who escaped from prison officers during a visit to his dying father, is an experienced mariner who once owned a boat, Scotland Yard said.

Police, who describe Houchin as "charming but dangerous", alerted ports and warned boat owners to make sure their vessels were secure. Serving life in Maidstone jail, Kent, for murder, rape and attempted murder, Houchin escaped as he visited a hospice in Penge, southeast London, last Wednesday. His handcuffs had been taken off so he could share an "intimate moment" with his father.

Houchin was jailed for life in 1965 for strangling 16-year-old waitress Shona Berry, whose body was found in Margate, Kent. He was released on licence after serving 11 years but jailed three years later after beating and raping a 19-year-old shop assistant in Folkestone.

Hawking honoured

BY NICHOLAS WATT

PROFESSOR Stephen Hawking, the Cambridge physicist whose book *A Brief History of Time* topped the best-seller lists for more than 200 weeks, was yesterday named Brain of the Year.

The Brain Trust, which organises the annual award, chose Professor Hawking from nominees including Garry Kasparov, the world chess world champion, and Ganesh Sittampalan, the 13-year-old mathematics prodigy and Britain's youngest university graduate, in recognition of his "extraordinary physical and mental strength". Tony Buzan, the trust's founder, said.

Mr Buzan said: "Professor Hawking exhibits every quality we look for ... He has become a tremendous focus for the education of everybody about the joys of physics and science. And he is also a very humorous, up-beat character."

The award, held in association with *The Times*, also recognised his book, published in 1988, which was widely credited with bringing astrophysics to the masses. Professor Hawking, 51, who is crippled with motor neurone disease and speaks through a synthesiser, has defied doctors' expectations after he was told 25 years ago that he would probably not reach the age of 50.

Two patients die in legionnaires scare

BY LIN JENKINS

TWO patients from a hospital for the mentally handicapped have died and three more are being treated following the outbreak of an illness with symptoms similar to legionnaires' disease.

Two middle-aged men from Lawnswood House, a long-stay unit at Chelmsley Hospital, Marston Green, Birmingham, died shortly after being admitted to Birmingham Heartland Hospital on Friday.

A woman and two more male patients admitted at the same time with symptoms of a chest infection were yesterday described as comfortable.

Leonora Robinson, a general manager at the hospital, said: "All were admitted with chest infections that are symptomatic of legionella and other things.

"However, the three in hospital have no major clinical symptoms at present."

Post-mortem examinations on the dead men will be carried out later today.

Other patients at Lawnswood House, which has 24 beds, and the staff are being treated with antibiotics. Peter McEwan, of Chelmsley Hospital, said: "Staff and patients are receiving medical attention and an investigation is under way."

A control of infection programme has been set up, but no tests for legionella have been ordered.

Legionnaires' disease is carried in water vapour and is often spread by air-conditioning systems. Lawnswood House does not have air-conditioning and the central heating system is a standard domestic one.

An investigation into the illness at Lawnswood has been been launched and the directors of public health for Birmingham and Warwickshire informed.

Dr Greg Wells, director of public health for Warwickshire, said: "The disease does not spread from person to person and there is no need for people working on the wards to be particularly worried for themselves or their families."

Fear closes door on bob-a-jobbers

BY NICHOLAS WATT

A CELEBRATED British tradition passed into history yesterday when scouts were told to avoid knocking on strangers' doors during "bob-a-job" week, which begins today.

The Scout Association said that rising crime, particularly against youngsters, had forced it to warn members to stick to trusted neighbours and friends. John Fogg, of the Scout Association, regretted the end of the door-to-door search for jobs. "It is sad that scouts can no longer knock on strangers' doors," he said. "This warning, which has taken away the original idea of Scout Job Week, is a reflection that young people are not as safe on the streets as they once were."

Thousands of scouts will work in groups this week as they clean cars, wipe windows and clear out overgrown gardens. "Supervised groups or patrol projects are recommended," Mr Fogg said.

One distinguished former cub was disappointed to hear the news. The Rt Rev Bill Westwood, the Bishop of Peterborough, described the warning as a tragedy. "The tradition has been destroyed by the world we have created in the past few years," he said. The Scout Association was, though, right to issue the warning. "It is a great loss, but nowadays parents cannot trust their children to others," he said.

The Scout Job Week was launched in 1914 when the blind publisher C. Arthur Pearson, later Sir Arthur, asked scouts to help him to raise money to publish in braille. Knowing that Lord Baden-Powell, who had founded the scouts in 1908, forbade them from begging or collecting money, Sir Arthur devised the scheme of hiring them out to raise money.

Mr Fogg said there were some ingenious methods of raising money in 1914. "Scouts pushed bath chairs, lathered barbers' customers and 50 helped serve dinner at the Hotel Metropole in London," he said. "One scout troop even edited a local paper for the day in Fife."

The idea was abandoned during the first world war and it was not until 1949 that bob-a-job week was launched. Mr Fogg said: "The idea was that every scout would raise one shilling for the headquarters and keep anything else for their local group. That year one scout unpacked 1,400 eggs without breaking one."

Some years later a lone scout swept the whole of Clacton pier, while others have washed elephants and cleaned Concorde. This morning a group of scouts will launch the Job Week by scrubbing Baden-Powell's statue outside the scout headquarters in London.

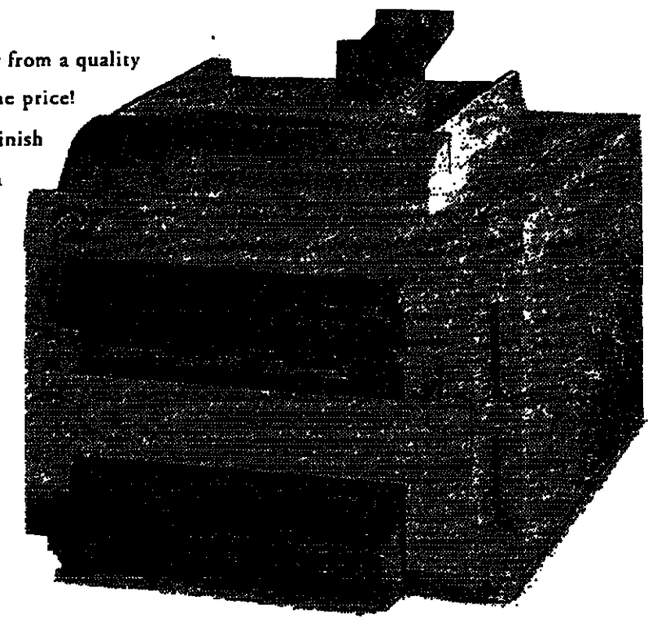
A boy's years with the scouts are a crucial part of his development and reminiscing on his experiences can be a sensitive matter. Bishop Westwood is still coming to terms with his failure to make it beyond the rank of a seconder in his cub group. "I could never learn to skip backwards which held back my progress," he said. "I still feel bitter about it because my whole life would have been different if I had made it further. I would have been an air vice-marshal."

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£3 million art showcase divides St Ives

■ A western outpost of the Tate may well help revive the Cornish economy but not everyone considers the *money* well spent

By Michael Horsnell

WHEN the Prince of Wales opens the £3.3 million Tate Gallery at St Ives in June he will walk into a dispute that is dividing this seductive Cornish town, colonised by artists since Turner's visit in 1811.

The new western arm of the London gallery will fortify the fishing port's reputation as an international artists' enclave with a cliff-face building where the old gasworks used to stand. It has been widely welcomed by most of the 10,000 inhabitants as a prestigious development, an honour and a commercial boost. But some opponents would prefer the money — almost one-third of it raised locally — spent on housing, employment and perhaps a municipal swimming pool.

The doubters in this traditionally Methodist town, with its abundance of well-attended chapels, also wonder whether the gallery will rekindle the libertarian days of a previous generation. The recession has turned St Ives into something of a shadow of its free-loving, free-living self during the Sixties and Seventies. Then separation and divorce rates among the Bohemian population appeared as steep as Porthmeor cliffs and Molly Parkin, writer of frisky novels and self-confessed paragon of self-indulgence, was the leader of the town's high society.

Beatniks still make pilgrimages to the town, where the smell of oil on canvas pervades every turning. But nowadays they return as bank managers in Bermuda shorts and stay in three-star hotels instead of sleeping on the beach.

The best-selling Ms Parkin, who admits her own marriage, to the artist Patrick Hughes, failed amid the town's beguiling charm, packed her bags in 1979 after five socially experimental years and left for New York. Now only an occasional visitor, she said at her home in London: "It was a very sexy, intimate place when I was there. There is the arousing, tempestuous sound of the ocean and the most extraordinary near-Mediterranean light which attracted artists."

The mackerel and crab fishermen have always co-existed with the artistic community. The relationship between the two communities is exemplified by Eric Ward, harbourmaster and lifeboat coxswain who paints and exhibits interiors and landscapes, and Roy Ray, the abstract painter, who drives the tractor to launch and recover the RNLB *Princess Royal*.

Mr Ward said: "The Tate has got to bring in more people and increase its standing as an art centre. Living at the end of England can be a parochial business and the gallery will bring people from outside with different and stimulating ideas."

At his Porthmeor Studios, Ray said: "This part of Cornwall has attracted the art lover and craftsman for 100 years. We have seen a huge growth of museums and galleries. But all this needs a catalyst of the magnitude of the Tate." Robert Phillips, 76, secretary of St Ives community association, was more circumspect. "I'm a bit old-fashioned and prefer the older galleries," he said. "With the Tate, St Ives will lose its antiquity. The argument is one between the younger generations and senior citizens like me. Unemployment and homelessness are high and there is a feeling that possibly the money raised locally could have been better used."

William Thomas, the mayor, welcomes the gallery as an honour and a commercial boost, but he has his own reservations after visiting the Tate in London, where he inspected *Equivalent VIII*, Carl Andre's valuable arrangement of bricks.

"I think it would be obscene to have that kind of display at the St Ives Tate," he said. "We live in a depressed area in which people have to work hard, and to see the kind of money outlayed on a display of bricks here would be hurtful to the community. You could buy an old person's flat for the money."

Michael Tooby, 36, curator of the gallery, reassures doubters that the 100 works on show will be largely devoted to an "overview" of the St Ives School since 1925. Spending the money on improving the town was not an option as only £600,000 was committed by local authorities; the rest came from the EC Regional Development Fund, the Rural Development Commission and private sources.

"This is a community in which a lot of people are touched by the arts and the gallery will offer a unique opportunity to townspeople and visitors," he said.

MARC HILL



Artistic outcrop: Michael Tooby, outside the St Ives Tate, says the displays will be devoted to an "overview" of the St Ives school of art

Beach blighted by buried potatoes

From Nicholas Watt in St Helier

MORE than 4,000 tons of rotting potatoes buried beneath the sand is being blamed for ruining one of Britain's cleanest beaches.

Beauport Bay in Jersey failed basic EC hygiene tests after the surplus potatoes were buried last year. They are now contaminating the sea and more than £250,000 is being spent to siphon off the harmful effluent they are producing.

Tourists hoping to enjoy the tranquillity of Beauport, a small rocky cove surrounded by gorse, have been greeted by a rancid smell over Easter. Visitors have to cross an array of plastic pipes to reach the beach, two tanks clutter the headland overlooking it and signs warn of subsidence.

Peter Bastion, of Jersey's agriculture department, said: "Last year we had more Jersey Royal potatoes than we could manage after excellent growing conditions. We thought it would be silly to bring the price down to an unsustainable level by selling the potatoes and decided to take the 4,000 tons off the market." His department identified a burial site thought to be well away from water courses, but the plan went wrong soon after diggers began work.

Mr Bastion said: "During the burying an underground water course was struck by a digger. Effluent from the potatoes seeped onto the beach, which meant that we failed the EC tests." Stuart Syvret, the only Green party member of the island's parliament, condemned the agriculture officials. "It requires nothing more than obvious intelligence to realise that burying thousands of tons of potatoes would create this kind of pollution," he said. "But I am now worried that they are making matters worse in their half-hearted clean-up operation. They need to excavate the whole site."

Mr Syvret said the rest of Jersey's beaches were among Britain's best, thanks partly to the most advanced sewage treatment works in Europe. The new £2.5 million system treats the sewage under ultra-violet light and, unlike plants in Britain, adds nothing to the water.

John Mulready, chief executive of the public services department, said: "It is very important for Jersey that nothing is added to the water because chlorine would contaminate our shellfish, which is such an important part of our economy. We have people from all over Europe coming to see how our new system works."

Even the Marine Conservation Society, which blacklisted Beauport Bay in the *Heinz Good Beach Guide*, published last week, praised Jersey for setting an example for the rest of Britain. Guy Linley Adams, of the society, said: "Jersey's beaches are performing better than any other in Britain."

'It requires nothing more than *obvious intelligence to realise that* burying thousands of potatoes would create this kind of pollution'

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Spread of armed police cars throws controls into disarray

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

TIGHT controls on the authorisation of police officers to carry firearms have been thrown into disarray by the growing use and speed of the armed response vehicles run by almost 30 forces.

Police firearms experts say the specially equipped cars have become so fast at reaching emergency scenes that the senior officers who should order guns to be drawn from safes in the cars may not be available or briefed. Instead, decisions can be taken by lower ranks such as inspectors or sergeants in force control rooms.

The problems of running the armed response vehicles have been underlined in a new internal Scotland Yard report on the work of the crews in London. The report will add to a growing debate within forces on how to authorise armed officers effectively without causing public concern.

Chief constables face deciding whether officially to lower the level of authorisation and raise public anxiety or create a system where senior officers must be constantly on call. That might create further difficulties because the cars are being used more often.

One senior officer said: "It is going to take some time to get through the minefield that has been created. When they were created they were not needed much. Control systems which worked for small forces do not work for big ones."

He said there were now inconsistencies in the control system which could throw up difficulties. Junior officers allow the car crews to get their guns but full-scale teams of marksmen still need agreement from senior officers before they can be deployed. The cars sometimes have to remain at scenes such as a siege in spite of calls to other emergencies while a senior officer is found to order out the specialist officers.

Between 60 and 70 cars are run by 29 forces. In London last year the cars, which can reach a scene within 15 minutes, received 10,000 calls. Weapons were drawn 246 times and shots were fired four times during two sieges, wounding two suspects.

The armed response vehicles were started in county forces to overcome concern about increasing use of weapons by criminals. The cars were seen as a compromise rather than allowing ever wider arming of officers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Driver takes knifeman for a ride

A motorist thwarted a hitch-hiker who threatened him with a knife early yesterday by driving his passenger to a police station.

The hitch-hiker ran from the car and fled but a patrol car was alerted and police caught the man after a short search.

The incident happened after the 31-year-old motorist picked up the hiker near the A326 outside Southampton. When his passenger produced a knife the driver spoke calmly to him and drove six miles along a dual carriageway to his home town of Hythe, Hampshire, before stopping at the police station.

Police were questioning a man last night.

Murder appeal

Scotland Yard detectives say they have had a good response to an appeal for witnesses to the killing of Sheffield United fan Sean Morris, 30, who died in a fight following the FA Cup semi-final between United and Sheffield Wednesday at Wembley on April 3.

Pilot hurt

Alan Falkingham, 47, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, broke his legs and injured his back when his glider crashed at RAF Holton, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday.

All-in service

A trial Royal Mail postal service begins tomorrow at Market Harborough, Leicestershire, in which 20,000 homes will have letters collected as well as delivered.

Man shot in leg

A man was hit in the leg after bullets were fired at a reggae concert at the Malcolm X centre in St Paul's, Bristol, on Saturday.

Fireman held

A fireman was charged with drink-driving after his fire engine crashed into a car at Grantham, Lincolnshire, on its way to a road accident.

Bodies found

Police were investigating the discovery of the bodies of a young couple in a fume-filled car near Carmarthen, Dyfed.

Murder charge

Anthony King, 23, of Telford, has been charged with murdering his four-month-old son. Telford magistrates remanded him to Friday.

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Technology aids counterfeiters

Colour photocopiers blamed for big rise in fake banknotes

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE detective counted out the £20 banknotes from a plastic bag bulging with cash. They were clean and new. The only problem was that the same four serial numbers kept appearing.

The notes, made with a sophisticated colour copying machine and with a face value of £150,000, were the latest evidence collected by the National Criminal Intelligence Service of a big rise in counterfeit currency.

Detectives believe that criminals are harnessing modern technology to turn out notes which look real to the casual eye. The counterfeiters have become a major target for detectives, especially the new 600-strong regional crime squad covering the South, where it is thought many of the notes are made.

Seizures of counterfeit notes are tiny compared with the £16 billion of genuine notes in circulation. However, after 30 years with no significant number of counterfeits, faked notes have started to appear in increasing numbers. In 1990 fakes with a face value of £90,000 notes were reported. This rose to £4 million in 1991 and £5 million last year.

They are the work of backstreet or one-room printing operations. Gone are the days when a craftsman laboured to create perfect printing plates. Modern printing uses negatives which can be made easier and quicker than a traditional plate and the colour copier is available for the less skilled.

Although counterfeiters cannot get the special paper used in real notes they try to match the special efforts made by the Bank of England to stop forgeries.

The metal strip woven into notes can be copied by sticking foil strips down the fake and the watermark can be printed to pass superficial tests. Numbers can be changed as the printing or copying process goes along.

Detective Inspector Henry Kirkup, head of the counterfeit currency unit, said: "The skill needed is not as much as it used to be. The man with the eyeshade has gone and technology has taken over."

The increase was announced with the sudden appearance of fake £10 and £20 notes in mid-1990. The notes, which were printed, disappeared just as suddenly but have been followed by the work of other producers. About a dozen series of notes have been made with printing operations since 1990 covering notes up to £50.

Mr Kirkup's unit receives all counterfeits from around the country. Within two years these have increased from a few hundred each month to thousands. Police intelligence suggests there are links between the distribution networks for drugs and the "*funny money*". Fake money may be sold in bulk with big discounts on its face value. Once it reaches clubs and public houses the fakes could be changing hands for as much as £15 for fake £20 notes.

The forgers might sell the negatives for printing plates to other printers and diversify into driving licences or another currency.

The counterfeiters have not had things all their own way. Arrests have risen to keep pace with police seizures — from 180 in 1989 to more than 1,000 last year.

Sonic boom is menace for Dennis





Dennis versus Sonic the Hedgehog: will the Menace get his comeuppance?

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

MOVE over, Dennis the Menace. Make way for Sonic the Hedgehog. Britain's first comic devoted to computer game characters will be launched next month and already threatens to topple *The Beano* from its position as best-seller.

Sonic the Comic is named after the best-known character of the Japanese game company Sega, whose electronic antics are keeping at least 1.5 million British children glued to their computer consoles. The twice-monthly comic will have an initial print-run of 400,000, nearly double *The Beano's* weekly circulation of 230,000.

It will spark a fresh round of comic wars between Fleetway Editions, one of Britain's two main publishers which is producing *Sonic the Comic*, and its rival D.C. Thomson, which publishes The Beano and The Dandy, still the top-selling children's comic after 56 years.

The new title, priced at 95p, is further evidence of the grip that computer games are establishing on young minds. Richard Burton, the editor, said: "Video games are already more popular than pop music. Children await new games like they used to await a new album or single. Sonic the Hedgehog is one of the best-known characters in the world for children. The response is already tremendous."

Fleetway executives believe that computer games are hastening the end for traditional children's comics, which have seen their circulation shrink steadily since their heyday in the fifties, when *Eagle* sold nearly a million copies a week.

Igor Goldkind of Fleetway, which last month saw the last edition of its own *Roy of the Rovers*, said: "The children's comic market has shrunk in the last 15 years, and there is a direct correlation between the shrinkage and the advent of computer gaming technology. Eventually *The Beano* and *The Dandy* will be bought only by adults who remember them from their *childhood*."

Ian McGregor of Dundee-based D.C.Thomson said: "Traditional comics are a shrinking field, but there will always be a market for the written word."

Branson asks BA to join Virgin on the air

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Branson, the chairman of Virgin Atlantic, has offered an olive branch to British Airways by inviting the airline to advertise on his national rock radio station when it goes on air later this month.

In the first gesture of reconciliation since the "dirty tricks" row between the two airlines led to public humiliation for BA, John Pearson, Virgin Radio's sales director, describes the move as "a typically Virgin thing to do", based on good humour and sound commercial sense.

Although BA turned down the offer to become a founder advertiser on the station in February, it has indicated that it is still interested in becoming the first airline to buy time on the AM channel. In a letter to the Virgin Radio sales department, a senior BA executive said the company "will consider using Virgin Radio when the next opportunity arises".

The radio station is 75 per cent owned by Mr Branson's Virgin companies and an advertising deal would be widely seen as a public relations coup for both sides in the long-running and bitter BA-Virgin dispute. Promising an audience of at least four million listeners a week when it goes on air on April 30, Virgin Radio is aiming at the mature, upmarket audience that airline advertising executives dream of. Association with the Virgin brand name is seen as a plus.

According to Mr Pearson, Virgin listeners will be articulate, independently-minded successful people. "They are bound to include a high proportion of business travellers, who are in a position to choose their airline when they go abroad for work," he said.

It is doubtful, however, whether any advertising deal could create a lasting peace between BA and Virgin. Mr Branson and his airline won near record libel damages of £610,000 in January at the end of a two-year legal battle against BA, which was accused of attempting to discredit and destabilise Virgin Atlantic. Talks aimed at settling the row reached deadlock last month.


Lone star: Garbo in the 1933 *Queen Christina*

Garbo letters for sale

BY JOHN SHAW

GRETA Garbo, the film star who wanted to be alone, was not particularly happy by herself, according to private letters revealed for the first time in London yesterday.

"It's sad to be alone, but sometimes it's even more difficult to be with someone," she wrote to a Hollywood friend. The 120-page correspondence is expected to make up to £30,000 at Sotheby's on June 8.

Garbo died aged 84 in April 1990. Her wish for solitude may be seen as part of a brooding depression that never left her, whether she was in Hollywood, New York, Paris or Stockholm.

Peter Beale, who catalogued the letters, said a persistent theme was of a relentless sense of unhappiness and a constant frustrated desire to find something meaningful in her day-to-day existence.

There is a strong market for film memorabilia and a great demand for Garbo material. "A short note by her has made £1,000 so these letters, which have never been seen before, should do very well indeed," Dr Beale said. The latters document a friendship between the star and Salka Viertel (1889-1978), a Polish actress who appeared with Garbo in a German-language film in 1930.

THE TIMES/DILLONS DEBATE

Is this the end of marriage?


Bel Mooney

MARRIAGE is a damaging and outmoded institution which does more harm than good, says Dr Julian Hafner, the psychiatrist and author of the controversial new book *The End of Marriage: Why Monogamy Isn't Working*. Is he right? Dr Hafner will defend his views, supported by Laurie Taylor, professor of sociology at York University, at a Times/Dillons debate. Challenging them will be Rabbi Julia Neuberger and the novelist and broadcaster Bel Mooney.

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Casey calls to deny interview

THE disgraced former Bishop of Galway, who fled from Ireland last year after admitting he had had an affair with an American divorcée and had fathered her son, contacted RTE, the Irish broadcasting service, yesterday to deny that he had given an interview published in the Irish *Sunday Independent*.

Dr Eamonn Casey telephoned RTE from a hideaway in a village on the Mexico-Guatemala border to deny the interview with Gordon Thomas, the best-selling author. In the interview, Thomas said that Dr Casey described Annie Murphy, his former lover, as "that evil woman". But Dr Casey said yesterday: "I never spoke to Gordon Thomas so I'm not going to comment on anything he said. I never spoke to the man."

He denied Thomas's suggestion that he had agreed to be interviewed after telephone calls from church contacts. When asked if there had been such calls Dr Casey replied: "Never" and spelled out: "N-e-v-e-r."

Thomas said he had a five to ten-minute interview with Dr Casey, who is 66 on Friday week, last Tuesday, and placed the interview with the *Sunday Independent*. It also appeared in *The Sunday Express* in Britain. Dr Casey was said to be in a Mexican village learning Spanish at a convent in preparation for missionary work.

Judge gets star slot in TV series

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A WORKING crown court judge is to become the first in Britain to have a regular television slot. Judge Matthewman QC will appear in a crime series hosted by John Stalker, the former police chief.

The Central Television series, *Crime Stalker*, begins on April 16 and will look at latest crimes in an effort to help police track down the offenders. The judge will give his verdict each week on the state of law and order in Britain.

Judge Matthewman sits at Nottingham Crown Court, where he recently protested about inadequate sentences for joy-riders and urged Parliament to consider a change in the law.

Since the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, lifted the ban on judges speaking out in public without permission, the judiciary has been free to make public pronouncements and go on radio and television.

Such appearances are still rare, however. Judge Cook, a county court judge and expert on costs, was for many years the legal adviser on Jimmy Young's breakfast show on BBC Radio 2 and *You and Yours*. Since retirement, James Pickles, the former circuit judge, has made regular appearances on television and radio.

Taste of sweet success

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have discovered compounds in the leaves of two sub-tropical plants which bring closer the prospect of low calorie cakes and biscuits which taste as if they were made from sugar.

An Anglo-American team has isolated the compounds, called abrusosides, which can withstand the high temperatures produced in baking.

Dr Douglas Kingshorn, a graduate of the University of London and one of the researchers involved, said tests indicated that the compounds showed few signs of being broken down in the body. "It appears as if they are very low calorie or not calorific at all."

The compounds, claimed to be sweeter than sucrose and non-toxic, have been isolated from the leaves of two plants, *Abrus precatorius* and *Abrus fructiculous*, which are found in southeast Asia. They also appear to have important health advantages over glycyrrhizin, a sweet licorice derivative used in Japanese medicine.

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Even the Queen feared that the fire at 'Special Address One' was getting out of control

Windsor blaze almost engulfed entire castle

BY TONY DAWE

As record numbers of visitors are anticipated, a fire chief discloses that the Windsor fire was nearly far worse

A FIRE chief has indicated for the first time how close Windsor Castle came to burning down entirely during November's spectacular blaze.

David Harper, deputy chief of the Berkshire brigade, which deployed 200 men to control the fire, said that even the Queen feared that the fire in her favourite home was getting out of control as flames began to shoot through the roof of St George's Hall, the castle's showpiece.

Mr Harper said that the fire spread so quickly through a gap between the ceiling and the roof of the hall that it threatened to engulf much of the castle.

He was speaking as he finalised an hour-long presentation on the disaster, which will be shown to fire officers, other experts and those responsible for historic buildings at several centres around the country in the coming weeks. The briefing has been devised to help improve fire safety in such properties, many of them immune from the fire laws, and to help officers combat future fires in such buildings.

Mr Harper said that officers decided to use chainsaws to cut away part of the roof of St George's Hall so that "the fire could vent itself". He said that caused the flames which alarmed the Queen shortly after her arrival at the castle.

"I tried to explain what we were doing, but I am not certain the Queen was reassured. I was confident, however, that the move would help save the rest of the castle."

Mr Harper said that his first reaction, captured on tape, when told that ten fire engines had initially been called to Windsor Castle was: "You're joking!" He said the castle, known to the Berkshire brigade as "Special Address One" was "a place where you think it will never happen".

He said that fire crews carrying water jets approached the private chapel, where the fire had been started by a halogen lamp igniting a 30ft long curtain, through St George's Hall, but were forced back by the intensity of the flames.

"The thing which thwarted us most was the number of hidden voids," Mr Harper said. "The hall was 185ft long and running above the ceiling was a 6ft deep void. I well remember standing in that hall when it was untouched. I looked above me and saw a hole in the ceiling suddenly open and through it I could see the fire raging."

Although 200 firemen, supported by two hydraulic platforms and a turntable ladder, were called to the castle and a million gallons of water were poured on to the fire, they continued to fight a losing battle until the officers in charge decided to establish "fire stops".

They planned to hold the fire at the clock tower at the west end of St George's Hall and at the Chester tower to the south of the chapel. The Brunswick tower on the north-east corner of the castle was left to burn as a natural flue, providing some of the most dramatic photographs of the blaze. It took 13 hours to control the fire.

Mr Harper praised his firemen, many of whom put on breathing apparatus up to six times to make repeated trips into the castle. On two occasions, the operation had to be halted briefly for fears that men had been trapped by collapsing timbers.

Mr Harper said that the Berkshire brigade had carried out a major exercise at the castle a year earlier, but added that it had no statutory powers over fire safety at the castle because it was a Crown property, immune from the law.

"Nor did we know what fire safety measures had been installed," he said. The chief fire officers' association is calling for an end to Crown immunity for thousands of government offices and royal buildings, saying they should be brought within the control of local authority fire services.

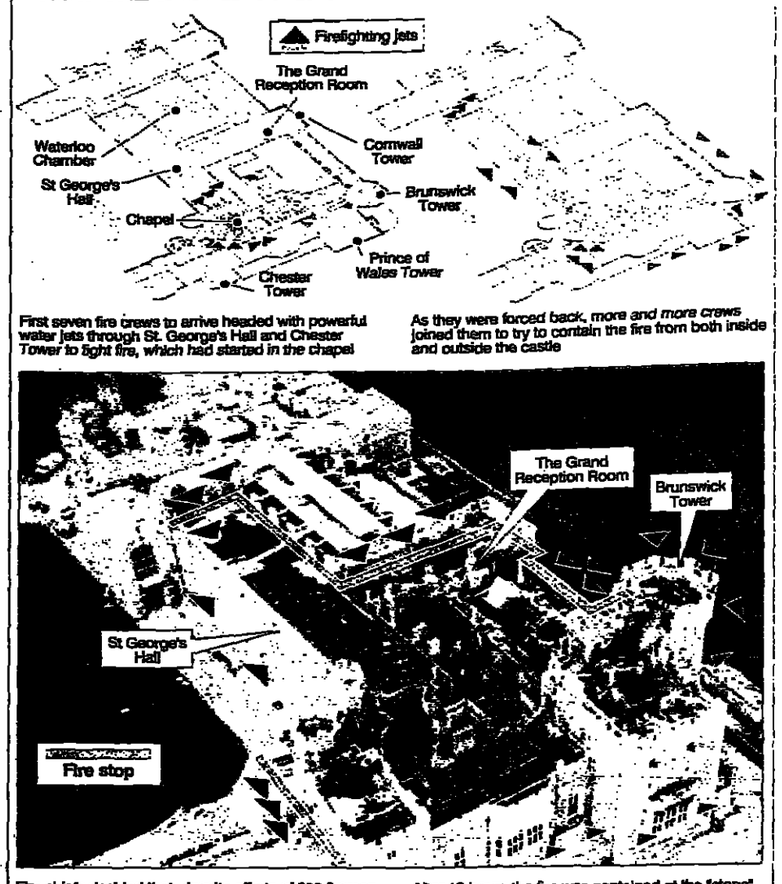
Stewart Kidd, of the Fire Protection Association, who has seen Mr Harper's presentation, said that the way the fire spread, causing damage costing £40 million, was predictable but that adequate precautions had not been taken.

In spite of recommendations after the £5.3 million fire at Hampton Court in 1986, insufficient thought had been given to dividing the roof spaces and voids behind panelling, through which the fire spread. He also criticised the lack of sprinklers which might have contained the fire in its early stages.

In his presentation, Mr Harper will thank the Duke of York, members of the royal household and the army for help in a salvage operation which meant that of all the artefacts in the castle, only one painting and one carpet were destroyed. "I saw things being moved which I thought it was impossible to move and will always remember one squaddie struggling out with a huge bust of Queen Victoria," he said.

Officials at the castle, which has seldom been open to the public over Easter because of royal functions, today expect several thousand visitors, who will be able to see the state apartments which were saved as well as viewing the ruined hall and Grand Reception Room through clear screens.

HOW THE BATTLE TO SAVE WINDSOR CASTLE WAS FOUGHT



First seven fire crews to arrive headed with powerful water jets through St. George's Hall and Chester Tower to fight fire, which had started in the chapel

As they were forced back, more and more crews joined them to try to contain the fire from both inside and outside the castle

Fire chiefs decided that, despite efforts of 200 firemen, some on hydraulic platforms, the best strategy was to retreat to "fire stops" which they could hold

After 13 hours the fire was contained at the "stops", but St. George's Hall, the Grand Reception Room and four towers were gutted

Tourists flock to wonder at damage done by flames

BY ALAN HAMILTON

ALLOWING the public to glimpse the damage caused by the fire at Windsor on November 20 has substantially increased the number of visitors to the country's most popular heritage attraction outside London. Since the state apartments were reopened on January 16, almost 140,000 people have passed through the doors, a rise of 20,000 on the same period last year.

Business has also been stimulated by a cut in the admission price, from £4 to £2.50, conceded while some of the rooms were out of commission. Castle authorities believe that many of the extra visitors have been local residents, who had a ringside view of the flames on the fateful day five months ago, and who have been queueing to see the effects on the world's largest and oldest inhabited castle.

Some of the rooms had been closed because of routine restoration work, which was in progress when the fire broke out. The last two of those rooms, the Queen's Presence Chamber and the Queen's Guard Chamber, were reopened last week, and the cut-price admission charge has been ended.

However, the fire damage is expected to remain a draw until reconstruction work begins, when the building has thoroughly dried out from the hundreds of thousands of gallons of firefighters' water.

Visitors are able to look through glass-panelled doors at St George's Hall and the Grand Reception Room, the two apartments on the public tour most severely damaged by the blaze. Archaeologists from English Heritage have completed four months' work sifting through the debris for any fragments that might be rescued or copied, and much of the charred timbers, chandeliers and wall-hangings which crashed to the floor have been cleared away. Workmen have recently finished erecting a temporary metal canopy over the section of the Upper Quadrangle that lost its roof.

A similar structure was raised over the state apartments of Hampton Court after the fire there, to keep out bad weather while a new roof was built.

Buckingham Palace indicated yesterday that an announcement on the style of restoration in the fire-damaged area, which also includes a number of private apartments not seen by the public, would be made within the next two months.

Staff of the royal household and the national heritage department are still debating whether to reproduce a copy of the apartments as they were before the fire, to return them to their form in an earlier era of the castle's history, or to include some contemporary building as a fresh chapter in the 900-year story of Windsor.

Country Life magazine is running a competition for architects and artists to produce designs for the rebuilt apartments. The magazine emphasises that its venture is entirely unofficial and is unlikely to be taken much notice of by the authorities, but it feels that the rebuilding of such an important national public possession should be the subject of proper public debate.

Tax forms get easier, friendlier and longer

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Inland Revenue claims to have devised a user-friendly tax-return form, which should be received by around eight million people around the country within the next few weeks. But the new, simplified format is twice as long as the old, complicated version it replaces.

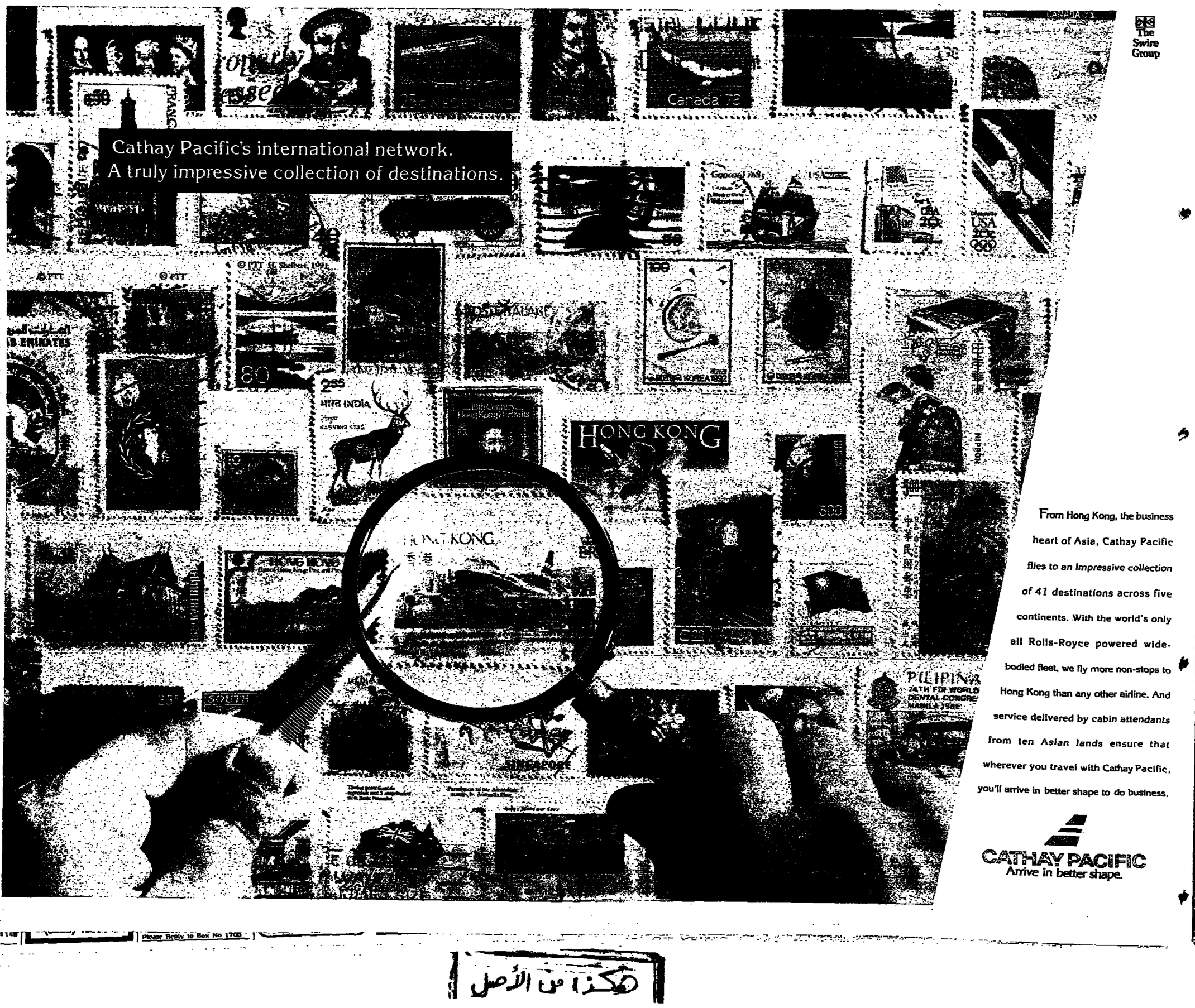
The new forms, designed at a cost of £50,000, are only longer, the Inland Revenue says, because they include more space for answers and incorporate explanatory notes which were previously issued separately. A spokesman said that previously some people filled in their tax returns without reading the guidance notes.

Although the new forms also contain twice as many questions as the old ones, the Inland Revenue claims that the extra questions make the forms easier to understand. "Under the old system people were left to work out what the Inland Revenue wanted," the spokesman said. "This is a step-by-step approach. It will be difficult to go wrong. The forms are often the only contact the public has with us, so we have tried to make them as attractive and friendly as possible."

The new forms have an expanded section devoted to "Income from your savings and investments".

But not everyone is happy with them. Chrissie Maher, of the Plain English Campaign, said: "The new form is still very daunting. A lot of people will struggle to complete it in the 30 days they are allowed. The wording and layout are far from perfect, but the real blame lies with the government for not simplifying the tax system. We have invited the Inland Revenue to our next conference in May, to try to help them improve their forms a bit further."

☐ The Inland Revenue has sent out a notice to firms warning them of printing errors on some forms and lists issued with the annual pack of tax codes for the collection of PAYE. They will be replaced.



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Karadzic says Nato warplanes risk being shot down

■ As the UN gets ready to begin policing the Bosnian no-fly zone, Russia is trying to delay tighter sanctions on Serbia

FROM JOEL BRAND IN ZAGREB AND ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

MORE than 50 Nato warplanes are to begin patrolling the airspace over Bosnia-Herzegovina today, enforcing a United Nations flight ban, but the leader of the rebel Serbs has issued a warning that one or more of the aircraft could be shot down.

The operation is scheduled to begin at noon and the warplanes will be permitted to shoot down violators of the flight-exclusion zone, if necessary. But concessions in the United Nations Security Council resolution to Russia, an ally of the Serbs, and concern about retaliatory attacks against UN forces on the ground in Bosnia, make it less likely the Nato pilots will shoot violators. Pilots are under strict instructions not to fire on planes unless they ignore repeated warnings.

In Moscow, Russia appeared last night to be stepping up last-minute attempts to gain a postponement of the security council vote on tightening sanctions against Yugoslavia. President Yeltsin, in a letter to President Clinton, is thought to have requested a delay in the vote which is aimed at preventing Belgrade's help to Bosnian Serbs in their fight for territory and put more pressure on the government of President Milosevic to accept the modified version of the Vance-Owen peace plan already approved by Bosnian Croats and Muslims.

A spokesman for the foreign ministry in Moscow admitted that the Russian side "did not yet have a unified view" of the best way to proceed if the vote goes ahead, but said that it was considering a veto or an abstention in the New York voting.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said at the weekend his forces would not fire on the Nato planes. But Bosnia's Croat or Muslim forces may shoot at the Nato fighters to try to force the international community deeper into the conflict, he said late on Saturday.

Bosnia's mostly Muslim government forces are eager to involve outside countries in their losing struggle against rebel Serbs. The Serbs inherited most of the vast arsenal of the Yugoslav army before it partly withdrew from the republic and they have received additional weapons from Serbia.

In spite of Dr Karadzic's assurance that his forces would not fire on the Nato jets, there is ample evidence that they could still pose a serious threat to the warplanes. Despite many similar guarantees, rebel Serbs have opened fire on UN aircraft on a number of occasions. Within the past three weeks, rebel Serbs have repeatedly fired on British and French UN helicopters as they evacuated wounded from Srebrenica, in eastern Bosnia. Dr Karadzic, in the Reuters Television interview from Pale, his mountain stronghold near Sarajevo, also said that Serb forces had not once violated the flight ban imposed by the UN last October. But the UN says Serb planes and helicopters have been responsible for most of the 500 recorded violations of the ban. Last week the rebel Serbs used helicopters to transport troops fighting around Srebrenica, according to the UN.

The area around Srebrenica was reported to be generally quiet yesterday. On Saturday, less than an hour after a local ceasefire was to come into effect, four mortar rounds exploded near a UN convoy, injuring four children.



Safe and sound: US folk singer Joan Baez dons a bulletproof vest in Sarajevo, where she entertained UN personnel and injured victims of Serb snipers yesterday



Morillon recall is expected this week

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE future of General Philippe Morillon, the United Nations commander in Bosnia, looked increasingly shaky yesterday after ambiguous support from the French defence minister and continuing reports among the military that he will be withdrawn as early as this week.

However, General Morillon, 57, who has annoyed senior officers with his independence and high profile in the media, made clear over the weekend that he had no intention of leaving Bosnia. "I can deny all rumours. In the immediate future, there is no question of my giving up my post," he said.

After meeting the general in Sarajevo on Saturday, François Léotard, the new defence minister, said he had "for the time being" received no formal request for the departure of General Morillon, who became deputy chief of the UN force in March last year and commander last September. But he noted that it was up to the military chiefs to decide the general's future and "he has stayed longer than his predecessors, so it is of course not excluded that he will return."

M Léotard praised the "exemplary courage" of the general and, as the media commented yesterday, the tenor of his remarks left no doubt change was afoot.

Le Monde reported at the weekend that the French chiefs of staff wanted General Morillon back by the end of next week. The recall was linked with a change to a more offensive position in the UN posture in Bosnia with the enforcement of the no-fly zone, the newspaper's defence correspondent said.

Senior officers also said they feared for the safety of the general, who has been outspoken in his criticism of the Serbs and a target of military attacks.

In its main story, *Le Monde* said the Western powers are resigned to the creation of *Greater Serbia and believe* serious peace negotiations will begin only after that event. "The argument over exclusion zones, the Vance-Owen peace plan and other diplomacy do not mask a development that is becoming clearer and clearer: the United States and its European allies appear resigned to Serbian victory in Bosnia."

Pro-intervention call 'suppressed'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration was accused yesterday of suppressing a report from a group of its experts which urges consideration of stronger American military action in Bosnia and the creation of safe havens to end the suffering of Muslim civilians.

A summary of the group's report was leaked to *The New York Times*, which said it was obtained from an official who believed the material should be part of the public debate on how to deal with the crisis.

The recommendations on the use of force and for safe havens protected by UN troops were withheld on the orders of senior officials when the experts gave closed-door briefings to members of Congress last week. The newspaper indicated that the officials who gave the orders were from the State Department and National Security Council.

Omission of the experts' findings from the briefing will further foment the debate already under way in Washington over what to do about the chaos in Bosnia and the intransigence of the Serbs who have rejected the Vance-Owen peace plan. As a candidate, Mr Clinton called for stronger US action against the Serbs, but as president he is hanging back from the use of force.

The 26-member team of Americans who went to Bosnia for 16 days in February and March was drawn from the State Department, the Pentagon, the Agency for International Development and the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta. Part of the argument now centres on whether the team has overstepped its mandate by proposing new policies.

Their report said: "Even the best humanitarian programmes will be of limited utility as long as more direct or forceful means are not applied to end the conflict itself". Safe havens, the team said, "should focus on areas subjected to purposeful shelling of local populations and non-military targets".

Milosevic's wife shuns nationalism

FROM DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

The wife of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serb president, has launched a vitriolic attack on Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, saying: "As far as I know he has not been given the mandate to speak in the name of all Serbs."

Mira Markovic — who retains her maiden name — challenged Dr Karadzic's claim to speak in the name of 12 million Serbs in extracts from her diary published in the magazine, *Duga*.

She was also bitter about extreme nationalists. "The paradox is that people who should be sitting behind bars are sitting in parliament," she wrote, adding that she blamed the "senseless" war in Bosnia-Herzegovina on "criminals, looters and profiteers who are now hailed as national leaders".

Mrs Markovic, a professor of sociology at Belgrade University, is known to have strong views, which she often airs and which often run against her husband's policies. She is also a dedicated communist who founded the League of Communists, intended to ressurect the Tito Communist Party. But in the Serbian elections last December, her party did not win a single seat.

Mrs Markovic is the daughter of second world war communist activists who joined the Resistance. "I have communism in my genes." Her mother was executed by the Gestapo in Belgrade when she was only a year old.

Mrs Markovic has frequently given vent to her contempt for nationalism. She said primitive nationalism was destroying art and culture while the ruling parties claimed that sanctions could do no harm, suggesting that "we can live alone". Serbia would lose contact with Asian religion, European culture, with American banking and Japanese electronics deceiving itself that it could do everything alone.

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Mafia informers say Andreotti linked to Moro kidnapping

FROM PHILIP PULLELLA IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ Allegations are growing that the elder statesman of Italy was somehow connected to the Mafia. The Senate is to decide whether to lift his parliamentary immunity this week

TWO Mafia supergrasses have alleged that Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister, was linked to a 1979 political murder and the kidnapping of Aldo Moro, the Christian Democratic Party leader, Italian newspapers reported yesterday.

The Rome daily, *La Repubblica*, described the files containing the evidence of Tommaso Buscetta and Francesco Marino Mannoia, the former Mafia bosses — sent to the Senate last week to support the request from Palermo magistrates for the lifting of Signor Andreotti's parliamentary immunity — as a time bomb for the Christian Democrats' elder statesman.

The Milan-based *Corriere della Sera* said that the two informers had told Giancarlo Caseli, Palermo's chief public prosecutor, and his assistant, Guido Lo Forte, of a link between the murder of journalist Mino Pecorelli and the Moro case, when they interrogated them at a secret location in the United States last week. Signor Moro was kidnapped and murdered by the Red Brigades in 1978, while Pecorelli, editor of a scurrilous Rome-based magazine called *Osservatore Politico*, was killed in March 1979.

"Pecorelli was killed because he was threatening to reveal the names of the politicians who commissioned the Red Brigades' kidnapping of the Christian Democrats' statesman," the *Corriere* reported. The paper said that the two supergrasses had corroborated the evidence of other Mafia turncoats who had accused Signor Andreotti of being "the political reference point of Cosa Nostra".

Last month Palermo magistrates applied to have Signor Andreotti's immunity lifted for allegedly having protected the interests of Cosa Nostra. Six Mafia turncoats accused the former prime minister of allegedly being in contact with the Mafia through his Sicilian representative, Salvo Lima, who was murdered by the Mafia a year ago. The Senate will consider the requests this week.

Pecorelli, who enjoyed excellent contacts within the Italian secret services, published a series of articles questioning official accounts of the Moro affair. In one, he described the ambush of Moro's bodyguard in a Rome street as bearing "the hallmark of a lucid superpower."

He said the operation was intended to remove the Communist party, which Moro had been trying to bring into the government coalition, from the arena of power. In another, he wrote: "The kidnappers of Aldo Moro had nothing to do with the Red Brigades as they are commonly known. (Red Brigades leader Renato) Curcio and his companions have no connection with the great politico-technical facts of the Moro kidnap."

The *Corriere* reported that the two Mafia witnesses had claimed that Pecorelli was killed by Cosa Nostra to prevent him from making embarrassing revelations.

Signor Andreotti, who has strongly denied the allegations against him, saying that they are part of a Mafia conspiracy to take revenge on him for adopting tough measures against organised crime.

With their long Easter weekend clouded by fresh reports of corruption, Italians yesterday began the final sprint towards a referendum expected to overhaul their electoral system.

Besides fresh accusations against Signor Andreotti, this Easter the front pages highlighted reports of new charges of corruption against a former justice minister and the arrest of the president of a state helicopter company.

On Saturday, police arrested Roberto d'Alessandro, 58, president of the state helicopter-maker Agusta, on extortion charges involving bribes of £1 million allegedly paid for the sale of helicopters to the government's civil protection department.

Also on Saturday, Rome magistrates delivered to parliament a request to lift the immunity of former justice minister Claudio Martelli, a Socialist. Signor Martelli, who resigned in February over an investigation of a Socialist party secret fund, is now accused of receiving stolen goods in connection with the theft of certificates of deposit from a Rome bank in 1990. Signor Martelli has denied the charges.

Newspapers primed the country's 47.5 million voters on the details of next Sunday's referendum on plans to dismantle Italy's proportional representation voting system. Proportional representation is blamed for creating a succession of weak coalitions and fostering a corruption-prone system which kept the same parties in power.

González signals early election

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID



Guerra: role reduced in party compromise

FELIPE González, the Spanish prime minister, swept the political scandals plaguing the ruling Socialists under the carpet and took control of the party at the weekend. He trimmed the powers of his rebellious deputy, Alfonso Guerra, and prepared for a possible June election.

But in a compromise hammered out during a private, five-hour showdown last Friday before Saturday's sanitised meeting of the party executive, Señor González, 51, stopped short of dismissing party leaders and accepted the resignations of two minor officials responsible for party finances.

Let off the hook were Señor Guerra, 52, who normally leads election campaigns, and José Maria "Txiki" Benegas, 45, the party organiser, who apparently sanctioned an illegal scheme to finance the 1989 election campaign.

Recent revelations of an investigating judge's preliminary findings concerning £6 million in donations through dummy consultants from 15 banks and companies had prompted Saturday's emergency meeting. Señor González said the courts will decide who was to blame, having previously said he would act first to satisfy public opinion.

"The sergeants have fallen, not the generals" was a widespread comment from the right-wing opposition, the Popular Party, that is now at level pegging with the Socialists in opinion polls. José Maria Aznar, 40, leader of the conservatives, said: "He who cannot run his household can only govern Spain with difficulty."

His advisers predict that Señor González, who has been in power for more than 11 years, will call an election for June 27 as his party continues to slide in the ratings, tainted by corruption scandals, soaring unemployment and a recession.

By muzzling Señor Guerra, the prime minister will also dictate the list of election candidates in what will be a close battle, making sure his pragmatic reformists, rather than his old friend's left-wing idealists, will be at the top under Spain's proportional representation system.

Both sides were last night claiming a victory after unanimously approving Señor González's proposals without even a show of hands.

The Guerristas were pleased because Señor Guerra and Señor Benegas, who had written a sour letter of resignation, are still there. The reformists are happy that at least some political responsibility for the illegal finances had been taken in the face of a public outcry, and the position of Señor González, still Spain's most popular leader, has been strengthened.

An editorial in *El País* said yesterday: "He (Señor González) had to lose a battle to win the war *(guerra)*."

Koreatown arms itself for war

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LOS ANGELES

FOR most residents of Los Angeles, the Rodney King trial has proved a tense waiting game, but for David Joo, of the Western Gunshop in Koreatown, the second trial of the four white police officers accused of violating Mr King's civil rights has turned into a bonanza.

The biggest Korean community in America was at the epicentre of the riots which followed the officers' acquittal on most state charges last April, and as a second jury began their deliberations at the weekend Koreatown was preparing for war.

During the six-week trial, Mr Joo has sold nearly five times as many weapons as normal, principally assault rifles and the commercial model of high-powered military rifles, such as the M16. His customers are predominantly young Korean businessmen.

"We learned our lesson last time, we don't depend on the LAPD [Los Angeles Police Department]," Mr Joo says. "We depend on our own protection."

During last year's riots, Mr Joo was captured by local television cameras firing his revolver at looters outside a Korean grocery store. He wears the same gun, a Colt .45, in a holster under his arm as he struts around his gunstore in a state of high excitement, offering guns, ammunition and advice to all comers.

"This a 9-millimetre, very rare gun," he tells one Korean customer. "Kevin Costner used this in *The Bodyguard*, very famous gun."

Thanks to his brief but famous television appearance, Mr Joo has earned himself a reputation for toughness within the Korean community and has received, he says, many threatening telephone calls from blacks and Hispanics. He does not say how he identified their racial origins. It is no surprise to learn that Mr Joo lost his previous job as a security guard at a nearby shopping centre when he "accidentally" shot a shoplifter.

The Korean community is, with good reason, nervous about the King verdict. Koreans bore the brunt of the violence, arson and looting last April, when 2,100 Korean-owned businesses were attacked at an estimated cost of $350 million (£230 million); half the total cost of the damage. Only one-quarter of those businesses have reopened, and on the streets of Koreatown many premises remain boarded up.

Mr Joo said that most of his customers were now buying high-powered long guns, for what he called "house-to-house shooting". He added: "There may be organised gangsters. A handgun for self-defence is not enough. We are armed for battle."

The crucial question in the King case is whether or not the officers followed official guidelines on "the controlled use of force" when they arrested Rodney King. Due to the spread of weapons, rumour and fear, many people in Los Angeles, from the Korean shopkeepers to the police, have truly massive force at their disposal. Whether it remains unused, let alone under control, now depends on the jury's verdict.



Papering over: a young boy hands a riot preparation leaflet to a Los Angeles police captain prior to a racial unity rally in the South-Central area of the city

Euro Disney celebrates year of survival

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

A GIANT fireworks display lit up the skies of eastern Paris last night as Mickey Mouse and the gang celebrated the first birthday of Euro Disney, an American phenomenon which has become by far the biggest tourist attraction in France.

The festivities at Marne-la-Vallée, which include the transformation of Sleeping Beauty's castle into a gigantic cake, also celebrate the company's relief that the enterprise has weathered the chill of winter and protesting farmers to fulfil its goal of attracting 11 million visitors, twice the number who visit the Eiffel tower or the Louvre.

Out of the 11 million, four million were French, although only one in six of them was a resident of the Paris region. The next nationalities were the British, Germans, Belgians and Italians.

After a bumpy 12 months, which saw substantial financial losses, Philippe Bourguignon, the Frenchman who replaced the American chairman earlier this year, has eschewed happy Disneyspeak to offer a more chastened view of the theme park's role in the heart of the Old World.

"The arrival of a Frenchman is sometimes being viewed as revenge against a well-oiled machine which did not keep its promises," he said in yesterday's *Journal du Dimanche*. The organisation would now leave behind its "very structured but somewhat officious and inflexible" nature to enter a new phase, he said. Accepting there had been some clumsiness in the early days, he appealed for time to get things right. This means continuing to refocus the park around local customs, instead of festivals such as Halloween and Thanksgiving, which left Europeans cold.

The park is also introducing traditional dance nights and clubs based on themes such as 1950s rock 'n' roll and jazz. Other concessions to Europe include a big expansion of the coach park and facilities for their drivers. For all their market research, Disney had planned for families to arrive mainly by car, as they do in America.

However, the park also found that it had underestimated local taste for Americana. Customers demand more fast food, and instead of "tasteful" souvenirs, such as T-shirts with discreet logos, they want merchandise emblazoned with Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters.

If Disney, biggest creator of new jobs in France last year, still has a negative image in the Paris area, it is partly out of disdain for what is locally viewed as a tourist trap but also the 225 francs (£27) admission price, and the queues which can stretch to two hours for big attractions.

M Bourguignon said he gives the park five years to create its own identity. "If in five years we are not a truly model enterprise, then we will have failed."

NEWS IN BRIEF

50 die in renewed fighting in Srinagar

Delhi: The Indian army imposed a curfew in Srinagar over the weekend after one of the worst outbreaks of fighting in three years of armed conflict in the Kashmir Valley (Christopher Thomas writes).

At least 50 people are believed to have died in fighting between the army and separatist militants. The military seems to have responded by torching 150 shops and burning several large commercial complexes. Crowds of up to 5,000 demonstrated against the killings in Jannu and Srinagar. The militants continue to command widespread support in the valley and are able to strike despite official claims that the army and paramilitary forces have weakened the rebellion.

India believes Pakistan has stepped up help to militant organisations in Kashmir, in particular to Hizbul Mujahidin, the most powerful group in the valley, which has close links with Islamic fundamentalist parties in Pakistan.

Women seek fair showing

New Delhi: Women member of parliament from across the world demanded equal rights in public life, pointing out that only 16.3 per cent of the 500 delegates to a conference representing 118 parliaments were women. Complaints of discrimination came mostly from Islamic and African states at a meeting of woman delegates to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), which begins its 89th biennial conference today. *(AFP)*

Street attack

Baltimore: A dozen people were wounded when up to five gunmen opened fire on a busy street corner in a poor residential district. Police said the motive behind the shootings was unclear. *(AFP)*

Swiss rethink

Zurich: Switzerland may develop close political and technical co-operation with Nato and the Western European Union as it tries to redefine its foreign policy of strict neutrality, a foreign ministry spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

Poison claim

Rawalpindi: The widow of General Asif Nawaz, Pakistan's former army chief who allegedly died of a heart attack in January, claims he was poisoned in a political assassination but she did not say by whom. Senior military sources discounted the claim. *(Reuter)*

President dies

Moscow: Rakhmon Nabiyev, Tajikistan's ousted Communist president, who was in and out of power for ten years up to 1992, died this weekend aged 62, according to Russian news agencies. Nabiyev claimed he was forced to resign at gunpoint in 1992. *(Reuter)*

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Rally arrests

Canberra: About 200 protesters were arrested at the Nurrungar communications and missile-tracking station, a remote American base. The demonstrators want Australia to close the base. *(Reuter)*

Capitalism comes easy to Gorbachev

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF



Money talks: Mikhail Gorbachev arrives in Richmond for his tour

MILLIONS of Russians may be struggling to get the hang of capitalism, but not their former Communist leader, Mikhail Gorbachev.

He embarked yesterday on a tour of Virginia that revealed his considerable entrepreneurial skills. He had managed to turn a single invitation from a public forum group into a four-day, five-speech odyssey which is reckoned will earn him $125,000 (£82,000), plus expenses.

Some of his hosts failed to realise, when they agreed to pay Mr Gorbachev's handsome speaking fees, that they would not be enjoying his observations exclusively.

For example, officials at the University of Virginia, where Mr Gorbachev will appear tomorrow, had been unaware that he would also be speaking at the University of Richmond yesterday and Virginia Commonwealth University today. Mr Gorbachev will also receive honorary degrees from all three universities during his visit.

These seats of learning will be paying $10,000, $20,000 and $25,000 for the benefit of Mr Gorbachev's wisdom. But his biggest bonanza was on Saturday evening at the Richmond Public Forum, a private group with well-to-do patrons who have been negotiating with him in earnest since last May. His fee was in the region of $70,000.

In this, his bargaining instincts seem to have narrowly outmatched those of Baroness Thatcher, who was reported to have received $60,000 when she spoke to the forum recently.

It is not clear how much of Mr Gorbachev's money goes into his pocket and how much to his non-profit think-tank — the Gorbachev Foundation — dedicated to assisting the former Soviet Union's transition to a free-market economy.

Mr Gorbachev's speeches in Virginia are part of the state's celebrations of Thomas Jefferson's 250th birthday. It did not go without mention that the former Soviet president appears to be doing considerably better than the third American president and founding father of democracy, who was plagued by debts after leaving office.

With Mr Gorbachev on his US visit is his wife, Raisa, who has been reported to be in poor health. There were suggestions that Mrs Gorbachev was in need of urgent medical attention not available to her in Moscow.

For their money, Virginians heard Mr Gorbachev declare that he will not vote in Russia's referendum on President Yeltsin because he thinks that it is a waste of time.

He said Russia needs free multiparty elections as soon as possible rather than the vote of confidence on April 25. "We simply have no time now for referendums," Mr Gorbachev said.

He said that, since his fall from power in 1991, political and economic reforms have been failing. In addition, real incomes in his country have fallen by half and crime has risen during that time. But he said millions of Russians still support the reform efforts that he began during his six years in power. "Reform in Russia can succeed."

He called for the support of the industrialised world in providing financial help and credit to Russia, and said that his country wants to be a partner in high-technology projects and not just a supplier of raw materials.

As for himself, he had no plans to run for office "at this time". Speaking tours, however, are another matter.

Moscow to aid nuclear surveys

FROM REUTER IN SEOUL

RUSSIA has accepted a South Korean request to conduct a joint survey of radioactive waste dumped into the Pacific near the Korean peninsula.

"The Russian presidential office has responded to a request for a joint survey and asked (South) Korea to take part in its own investigation, planned to start in two or three months," the Yonhap news agency quoted a foreign ministry official as saying.

South Korea had demanded that Moscow stop dumping nuclear waste in the Sea of Japan and formed a government task force to deal with the issue. The news agency said Moscow told Seoul the waste was not highly toxic and there was no serious danger of nuclear pollution.

A recent Russian government report revealed that the country dumped liquid and solid radioactive waste in waters off the coast of the Russian Far East from 1959 until 1992. The former Soviet government dumped two nuclear reactors into the Sea of Japan in 1978, the report said.

High price of calories weighs down Russian bodybuilders

FROM ROBERT CRAMPTON IN MOSCOW

Pity the poor Russian bodybuilder. Under communism, their sport was outlawed and they had to train in illegal gyms. In recent years bodybuilding's popularity has soared, with more than 100 gyms in Moscow alone. But food has become so expensive that the iron pumpers cannot afford to maintain the bulk on which their success depends.

Sergei Gavrikov is 26 and weighs 101kg (222lb). He requires 10,000 calories per day to keep his bulk. Mr Gavrikov recently came second in a Moscow heavyweight contest, but fears that he may have to drop down a division unless inflation eases. "Ten eggs cost 200 roubles, a litre of milk 100, a kilogram of meat 1,500," says Mr Gavrikov. "I spend practically all of my money on food."

Mr Gavrikov worked as a security guard in Moscow, earning 20,000 roubles a month, until he left in March to train full-time for the contest. He now lives on a small stipend from the Moscow Association of Bodybuilders and works out at a gym in the northwest of the city.

The association was set up two years ago. Until then, bodybuilding was not recognised by the authorities, and Mr Gavrikov and his friends had to weld their own barbells together from bits of old scrap metal. They trained in clandestine gyms. "Bodybuilding cultivates the individual personality," says Mr Gavrikov. "It was our way of rebelling against communist ideology." Mr Gavrikov started training at 16 when some smuggled copies of an American fitness magazine made him "want to do something about my body".

Two dozen bodybuilders work out regularly with Mr Gavrikov at his local club. The association leases the shabby gym, little more than a hut, from a rugby club. Schwarzenegger pin-ups cover the walls. A month's supply of poly vitamins cost 1,000 roubles, complains Julia Stefanovich, 30, the Russian women's champion bodybuilder, who eats five or six times a day to take in the 4,000 calories necessary to build her muscles. She weighs 60kg and last week flew to Budapest to compete in the European Bodybuilding Cup.

"There is a wider variety of food now than a few years ago but we cannot afford to buy it," says Ms Stefanovich, whose biceps — her "weak point" — are 11 inches in circumference, bigger than the average man's. "Some American clubs send us special food supplements, but it is still difficult," she says.

Both Ms Stefanovich and Mr Gavrikov deny ever taking steroids, though they say that use of the drug is widespread in the run-up to big competitions.

There are about 4,000 full-time bodybuilders in Moscow. Most work in the evenings as hotel or restaurant security guards; some work as personal bodyguards for wealthy Russians or foreign businessmen. Mr Gavrikov says they are treated with deference by most Muscovites — partly, of course, because of their size, but more because of the frequent use made of weights rooms by many gangland enforcers.

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Popular Black Prince leaves ANC a difficult void to fill



Slovo: faces problem of choosing successor

FROM R. W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

■ The assassin's bullet has silenced more than a voice of the rising younger generation. It has struck a blow at the negotiating process Chris Hani favoured

DRIVING through the Transkei in 1990 in the week after Nelson Mandela was released, I was struck by the way young African National Congress militants in the Xhosa heartland insisted that their real hero was not Mr Mandela but Chris Hani. Returning from exile, Hani moved smartly to consolidate this base, spending at least as much time building support in the rural Transkei as in the black townships and squatter camps of South Africa.

There was no mistaking his success — by July 1991 he was elected to the ANC national executive with more votes than any other candidate. Moreover, not only was he the guaranteed crowd-puller but the intensity of support among younger militants for "Comrade Chris" was qualitatively different from any other ANC leader. Given that Xhosas provide the most solid support of all for the ANC, Hani's solid Xhosa rural base also gave a quite unrivalled dimension to his popular following.

The fact that Hani was thus a redoubtable popular alternative — or successor — to Mr Mandela, gave a special leverage to the South African Communist Party which Hani headed. Non-communist ANC members might mutter about the need to loosen the movement's links with the communists, but nobody could really imagine running the ANC without, let alone against, Hani. Hani was the movement's Black Prince — brilliant, idealistic, dashing, the figure who embodied the hopes and passions of the rising younger generation. His death will thus have complex repercussions for both the ANC and its communist partner. The veteran communist party boss, Joe Slovo, who eased Hani into the position he used to occupy, faces a particularly difficult problem. Mr Slovo has continued to do most of the ideological and strategic thinking for the the party (and, since the party functions as the ANC's collective brain, for the ANC as well) will want a successor to Hani who will allow this curious relationship to continue. The trouble is that many of the leading communist cadres are either white (Ronnie Kasrils, Albie Sachs, Jeremy Cronin) or Indian (Mac Maharaj, Pravin Gordhan, Aziz Pahad) and thus implicitly disqualified. The most obvious black alternatives — Sidney Mafumadi from the trade unions, Tokyo Sexwale, the ANC boss of the Reef townships, and the Umkhonto guerrilla boss, Siphiwe Nyanda, are essentially second ranked figures. None has Hani's high intelligence, articulacy, or a fraction of his popular following. In that sense, the assassin who murdered Hani has struck a shrewd blow, from which the the communist party will find it difficult, if not impossible, to recover.

Within the ANC, the triumvirate of younger leaders awaiting succession to Mr Mandela is now reduced to two: Thabo Mbeki and Cyril Ramaphosa. However, neither has Hani's popular appeal and there is now clearly an opening for someone else to play the role of people's tribune for the poor and the disadvantaged. There will be many candidates for this role, most notably Peter Mokaba, the ANC Youth League leader, and Winnie Mandela.

A problem for Mr Slovo and for Mr Mandela is that virtually all the pretenders to the now vacant role of popular tribune will, like Mr Mokaba and Mrs Mandela, be hostile to the cause of peaceful negotiation and will favour instead the resumption of direct action and armed struggle.

Hani had latterly played a crucial role in harnessing his following among radicals to the cause of negotiation, and even of power-sharing with Presdent de Klerk. This was not an evolution easily achieved, and quite apart from coping with the inevitable explosions of bitterness which Hani's death will provoke, Mr Slovo and Mr Mandela must now find fresh ways and means of binding their radical followers behind the cause of negotiation. Hani's assassination has shocked the country and again revealed the endless potential for reprisal and counter-reprisal. In that sense it has emphasised the need for peaceful negotiation more than ever.

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Hani: embodied hopes of the rising young

Mandela attacks government for ignoring death threats to Hani

Police connect Polish suspect to far right

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

ELSON Mandela, presi-nt of the African National ongress, yesterday reproach-Hernus Kriel, the South rican law and order minis-, for failing to protect Chris ani, the Communist leader assinated in his front drive Saturday.

Mr Mandela said that his puty, Walter Sisulu, had itten to Mr Kriel pointing t that Hani had many times en threatened with death. tril Ramaphosa, the ANC retary-general, said "no sitive response" had been eived from the minister. *r Ramaphosa said the ANC* lders did not want round-t-clock protection, but at lst that cars behaving suspi-ciusly near their homes uld not go unchallenged.

ANC leaders yesterday said tt several attempts had been rde on Hani's life since his rrn to South Africa. Eigh-n months ago his body-gard was shot at in Soweto, al then pursued by a car. A ther attempt was made outs: the Johannesburg head-qrters of the Communist pty two months ago. Hani w also thought to be a target othe Ciskei armed forces wn he led a protest march to tl Ciskei capital last Septem-b when 28 people died in a H of bullets.

olice yesterday named a wte man being questioned aut the killing as Janusz Vlus, 40, who emigrated he from Poland in 1981. He w described as having "own connections" with the fright Afrikaner Resistance Mvement (AWB). He was sl by those who knew him to b "violently anti-communist" hing fled Poland "to get ay from the *communists*".

After coming to South Afri-cMr Walus opened a factory i the black homeland of QaQwa importing raw crys-tfrom Poland and manufac-turing decanters and glasses. His company went bankrupt, and he now lives in Pretoria.

When he was arrested he had two pistols with him, a Luger and a 9mm Z88. Yesterday police said that ballistic tests on one of the weapons showed it had fired the shots that killed Hani. They also confirmed that tests on the hands of the suspect showed he had fired a weapon on Saturday morning.

Mr Walus was picked up because of a fast reaction from one of Hani's neighbours. Retha Harmse was going shopping when she saw a red car parked behind Hani's in his drive. "I saw the red car's door open and a tall, thin, blond man get out. He walked to the front of the open door and I saw him lift a gun. Mr Hani had just got out of his car. The blond man pulled the trigger twice.

"I stopped the car and watched the blond man walk over to Mr Hani as he lay between the garage door and his car. He calmly lifted the gun and at almost point-blank range pulled the trigger twice.

"I saw the blond man get into his car, get in and begin reversing out of the driveway ... I reversed my car towards him. .. I kept repeating [the man's car's registration number] aloud so that I would not forget it." Mrs Harmse hurried home and rang the police. The red car was picked up by police within five minutes of an alert being issued.

Yesterday Peter Hain, the Labour MP for Neath and anti-apartheid campaigner, said: "The assassination of such an able and widely respected figure is a catastrophe. President de Klerk must root *out white terrorists inside and* outside the security forces." He added that Hani had planned to meet politicians in Britain during a private visit in May.

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Mourning a comrade: Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, at a press conference called yesterday after the assassination of Chris Hani, the general secretary of the South African Communist Party. Janusz Walus, named by police as the man being questioned in connection with the killing, appears to be one of the nationalist Poles who, after the fall of communism, still view it as a threat (Roger Boyes in Warsaw writes). Mr Walus stayed abroad after martial law was declared in December 1981. That crackdown froze political attitudes. In the late 1980s, however, the Solidarity elite and party reformers came to a loose accommodation that presaged a peaceful transfer of power in most of central and Eastern Europe. But many Poles remain suspicious about the deals with the communists and wonder whether some of those in power are not in effect communist agents.

This suspicion is found across a large part of the political spectrum, from fringe nationalists such as Boleslaw Tejkowski to the former prime minister Jan Olszewski, from protesting farmers and miners to members of the Christian Nationalist Union Party, part of the ruling coalition. But those who left Poland in the 1940s and 1981 are the least forgiving. Their memories of the secret police are still fresh and communism for them remains a kind of Antichrist. South Africa was a favoured destination in the 1940s, after the 1968 crackdown and in 1981. Polish nationalists from the last batch of emigrés questioned the influence of South Africa's communists.

Hero who was idolised by the township youth

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

Chris Hani was the hero of young township blacks. He was brave and clever, and was idolised by the rank and file of Umkhonto we Sizwe, or Spear of the Nation, the armed wing of the African National Congress.

He recently also showed signs of a statesman-like approach to the needs of peace. Although regarded by white right-wingers as a leading black communist and guerrilla fighter, Hani, at 50, had by an ironic twist been attacked by militant socialists of the Pan Africanist Congress for calling on them to give up the armed struggle against apartheid. His last public statements were on the necessity to turn the township defence units into a disciplined peace corps.

At the age of 12 he wanted to study for the priesthood and was only dissuaded when his father abruptly made him change schools. After he became a soldier in the anti-apartheid struggle he led a near mutiny among discontented cadres in exile, and later played a leading part in ending the real mutiny among Umkhonto we Sizwe units in Angola.

He fought bravely as a unit commander in the unsuccessful campaign against the Rhodesian armed forces in 1967. But his own battle for power within Umkhonto we Sizwe, in which he successfully manoeuvred against the commander Joe Modise, crucially weakened the organisation.

Although he was a stout defender of the non-racial nature of the ANC and the Communist party, he built a loyal following among his fellow Xhosas, particularly when as leader of the exiles in Lesotho, he directed refugees from the 1976 Soweto uprising into membership of the ANC, the Communist party or Umkhonto we Sizwe, and from then on nursed them into key positions in these groups.

In the 1960s, Hani became involved with the South African Congress of Trade Unions, joined Umkhonto we Sizwe, and the Communist party. He was arrested several times and sentenced to jail under the Suppression of Communism Act. While on bail he went underground and finally left the country.

He volunteered to work with Umkhonto we Sizwe, and became popular among the Umkhonto we Sizwe rank and file, especially those who, like him, came from Transkei or the Eastern Cape.

In the camps of the Umkhonto we Sizwe trainees Hani quickly became a sounding board for their grievances, and took a leading role in writing a memo addressed to the leaders. The memo criticised the leaders' privileges, lack of tenacity, the awful camp conditions, and attacked Joe Modise, the Umkhonto we Sizwe commander by name.

Hani never spoke about what followed, but several veterans maintain he was sentenced to death for mutiny, and that he was saved by senior ANC leaders. In order to give the cadres something to do the Umkhonto we Sizwe leadership offered to let them assist the campaign of Joshua Nkomo's Zapu guerrillas. Some thought it was also an attempt to rid the movement of Hani and dissidents with a suicide mission.

However, the campaign left Hani with a growing reputation, and by 1974 he had become the youngest ever member of the ANC national executive. He spent time moving secretly in and out of South Africa, and eventually established himself in Lesotho where he built the Umkhonto we Sizwe establishment.

When the ANC and the Communist party were legalised in 1990, Hani caused a furore when he said that although talks with the government should go ahead, he would not rule out a seizure of power under certain circumstances. He was the last of the leadership to be granted immunity from prosecution.

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Gaddafi urges floggings to outflank fundamentalists

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

TO of the most ruthless lders in the Arab world. Cnel Muammar Gaddafi o Libya and President Sddam Hussein of Iraq, have aounced sweeping new msures to tighten Islamic obervances in an attempt to wd off the challenge from Mslim fundamentalists.

1 a televised speech, the cnel, who in the past has inrisoned many fundamentats, called for stricter implemtation of Islamic law thughout Libya, including cing off the hands of thieves an public flogging of adterers.

The Koran says the hand of e thief — male or female — ust be cut off. I want a law to : introduced, or the originaw to be amended, so that thenands of the thief, both ms and female, be cut off regdless of the amount they has stolen," he declared.

Te Libyan leader, whose grion power has been weaken ed by the continued imposition of United Nations sanions over the Lockerbie boming, added: "Also the maor woman who commits adtery should be given 100 stres of the whip and the whiing must be witnessed by group of believers or on telesion."

Util now, Libya has lagged behd the strict implementation of Islamic law as practised in Saudi Arabia or Iran. Although alcohol is banned officially, a drinking club popular with foreigners and frequented by members of the Libyan leadership has long been tolerated in Tripoli.

In Iraq, until recently regarded as among the most tolerant of the Islamic countries in the Middle East, with drinking and prostitution widespread, the ministry of interior has announced a new ban on the serving of alcohol on Fridays in all clubs, restaurants and bars.

"The measure is out of respect for religious observances and the sanctity of Friday, which is a holy day for Muslims," reported the government newspaper *al-Jumhuriyah*. The ban, between 6am and 6pm, is the latest in a series of similar measures ordered by Saddam.

In February, the government closed down the casinos in deference to the Islamic ruling against gambling and also cut the number of nightclubs in the capital from 36 to 18. It also shut down 600 bars and all bars offering alcoholic drinks sited on motorways.

Although Saddam is known as a whisky lover, his growing adherence — in public at least — to Islamic values is seen by Western diplomats as an effort to defuse criticism from the fundamentalists and to increase his standing in the Arab world. The high living of his corrupt ruling elite was also causing resentment among Iraqis hit by UN sanctions imposed in 1990.

The announcements come when many more moderate Arab regimes are under pressure to tighten Islamic laws, notably those in Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt.

In contrast, Jordan's parliament has rejected an attempt by the Muslim Brotherhood to push through a bill which would have segregated the sexes in schools and universities. Popular feeling will be tested in elections later this year.



Saddam: known to be a whisky lover

Egyptian militants kill officer

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE campaign by Islamic militants escalated yesterday with the assassination of one of the most senior police officers tackling them in Upper Egypt and the planting of a bomb on a bus crowded with German tourists outside Cairo's famous Citadel.

Major General Muhammad al-Sheiny, the deputy security chief of the provincial capital of Assiut, was killed with his police driver *and bodyguard when militants* ambushed his car in the province, a hotbed of fundamentalism about 200 miles south of the capital.

A man was arrested in Cairo after he was spotted leaving a suspicious package under the front seat of the bus outside the Citadel, a spectacular medieval fortress *in the heart of the capital.* The bomb did not explode, but the incident was a further severe blow to the vital tourist industry.

Last week the militants raked a Nile cruiser with gunfire. Unofficial estimates suggest that tourism in Egypt has fallen by 60 per cent when compared with *Easter last year.*

Israel extends ban on Palestinians

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli government decided yesterday to extend indefinitely its ban on Palestinians entering Israel from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Only two left-wing ministers opposed the cabinet decision. Yossi Sarid, the environment minister and Shulamit Aloni, education minister, saying the government had left hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, who depend on work in Israel, with no source of income.

Nonetheless, Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, appears to have overcome international and domestic obstacles that threatened the Middle East peace process. The Israeli leader can probably look forward to a trouble-free summit with President Mubarak in the Egyptian city of Ismailia on Wednesday, and to the resumption of peace talks with the Arabs as scheduled on April 20 in Washington.

Ever since the left-wing cabinet approved the ill-fated order to deport 415 Palestinians to southern Lebanon on December 17, Mr Rabin had faced Arab threats to suspend negotiations with the Jewish state, and public pressure at home to halt the wave of violence in Israel and the occupied territories sparked by the expulsions. The decision to maintain indefinitely the two-week closure of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip appears to have succeeded in halting last month's bloodletting, when 15 Israelis and 26 Palestinians were killed in almost daily incidents.

More importantly, the Palestinian leadership loyal to the PLO has indicated that it is willing to accept a US-brokered compromise and return to negotiations, abandoning its support for the deportees in Lebanon, who are suspected members of rival militant Islamic groups.

Faisal Husseini, a prominent Palestinian figure in the occupied territories, said for the first time that the delegation's return was no longer conditional on the repatriation of the deportees.

Instead the Palestinians appear to have opted for Washington's "significant package" of concessions by Israel, which includes the reported undertaking that the Israelis will allow the return of 50 Palestinians exiled before the 1987 intifada (Palestinian uprising), and the easing of restrictions on residency and building permits in the occupied territories and the encouragement of Palestinian industry.

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Nationwide

As the housing market shows the first signs of spring, a crop of noxious weeds may be about to flourish again

Beware Clinging Time-Wasters



LIBBY PURVES

Easter Monday marks, by tradition, the annual resurrection of the house-viewing season. This tradition having been suspended during four years of economic false starts, you may have forgotten about that strange thing which used to follow when you put your house on the market. Instead of the present system — in which absolutely nothing happens except that the estate agent starts to avoid you in the street — in the old days you advertised a house, and people started turning up to view. Green shoots being now cautiously confirmed in the housing market, this antique custom may well be revived this week.

Now I suppose that if you have *been holding off selling* — or even postponing a divorce — throughout the harsh dead years, you may be under the impression that this *phenomenon is something to be* keenly looked forward to. You are wrong. It may be a forgotten, historic trauma (like scrofula, or the press-gang) but it is a trauma none the less. As a public service to *Times* readers, I am here to prepare you for it.

Househunters come in many species, but can be broadly divided into the climbers, the creepers, the prickly and the poisonous. In each subdivision, as in the plant world, there are some sterile varieties which blossom luxuriantly with exclamations and tape-measures, but have no intention of ever coming to fruition. Others, miserable and spiky though they seem, will surprisingly put out an offer just when you least expect it, like a half-dead cactus which flowers *overnight. After a month or two,* the cunning vendor gets to recognize the Lesser Clinging Time-Wasters and the Common Snoopers, and stops wasting politeness on them.

Spotting which of the others *might bear fruit is a different* matter. One of the easiest types to deal with is the straightforward Climber. This can be recognised by its shrill, well-tailored wife and its brittle determination to let you know that it is used to grander houses than yours. We had a wonderful specimen in Greenwich years ago, who sniffed at our prized basement dining-room and said "It wouldn't really do, because we do a lot of entertaining". Not of us, they didn't; so we brought their viewing to an abrupt halt.

More difficult is the Snapping Vocal Critic ("I don't know, Damien — its very poky, and where would my Aubusson go?") because this species is at least thinking seriously about living in your house, which is half the battle. But beware of more exotic growths: the Livid Couple, who have clearly come round just to have a row about sink units, and its variant the Loving Couple who vanish to inspect the bedroom and take 45 *mysterious minutes over it.* And watch out for the Blue-faced Liar *who swears, incorrectly, that his* own house is as good as sold; and the Green-fingered Patio Creeper, who nicks cuttings.

Dozens of other species will emerge: the Spotty Oddball, who measures the attic for a train set; the Unctuous Admirer ("Peter! We *wouldn't have to change a thing!* Such atmosphere!") and its opposite, the Insensitive Improver ("We could clear those old apple-trees for a grass court and put in a carport"). All of them, self-seeding invaders, will shortly be invading your front path and making you choke.

Because it is one of the horrors of our age that, in a crowded island, dwellings have become "properties"; far too expensive, even now, for sanity. It is almost impossible to reconcile the familiarity and affection of an everyday home with the idea of it as a bargaining-counter worth half a lifetime's earnings.

To put your old friend on the market feels like a betrayal. You struggle to detach yourself from associations and affection, and cool off towards what was once your beloved view, staircase or hearth (while, like a pimp, you daily tout it to unsympathetic strangers). Viewers arrive, nervous themselves and often with the manners of hogs: to have the kitchen where you fed your first baby dismissed as "Dark and cramped" and your marital bedroom measured by uncongenial couples is wounding. If you stay on the *market for a long time, you* start to live in a limbo where home is not quite home, and one of life's vital handrails is no longer there.

Of course, buyers *may be driven* by their own emotions. They are looking for something to mould to their own secret desires and childhood memories, and your home-made pine panelling and leaded lights may genuinely depress them. In fact, one of the worst after-effects of the long housing slump, I bet, is going to be that people unable to move will have devoted the last five years to intensive and horrifying DIY improvements and extensions, causing pain to sensitive buyers. Undo-*It-Yourself* could well be the next fad.

No, it is a horrible process all round. Pleased though we all must be *that the merry-go-round* is creaking into life again, nobody should expect a smooth ride.

Cottle's ringing farewell

What does a circus man do when the big top folds? **Margot Norman** reports from Xanadu (Wandsworth)

ALAN WELLER



Eternal showman: Gerry Cottle has decided that what the public needs now is Xanadu, his travelling theme park

Rani the Elephant, turning 30 and in her statuesque prime, has finally packed her trunk, said goodbye to the circus and gone to Southend for a rest. Like any star, she would probably sit down and cry if she knew she would never hear again the roar of the crowd and had 40 comfortable but humdrum years ahead of her as Gerry Cottle's family pet. Try telling *that to an animal rights cam*paigner, though, and he'll probably hit you. Which is why Gerry Cottle has decided to give up the struggle to bring old-fashioned circuses to the people, and is bringing them Something Completely Different instead.

The news that Cottle had dispersed all his animals except Rani — the other elephants went to a Spanish circus, "nice and warm for them" — has been greeted with triumphant glee by the likes of the Animal Aid Campaign against Vivisection. Even the RSPCA is solemnly satisfied, despite a report commissioned by it from Dr Marthe Kiley-Worthington, a respected animal behaviourist, which concluded there was no rational argument for banning the training or performing of circus animals. The RSPCA is against it because of the animal's "unnatural" lifestyle.

Gerry Cottle is sad but philosophical about being gradually ground down by what he sees as the forces of ignorance. He went to school with John Major, but in their teens they ran in opposite directions, Cottle from his stockbroker background to the circus, Major from his music hall family to the Conservative party and the bank. (It was not Major Snr's trapeze artistry that inspired young Cottle: Bertram Mills did that.) Cottle is rubicund, twinkle-eyed, classless and full of the showman's inventive optimism.

Although he admits that the recession and VAT were chiefly responsible for this last grim year, and that his new scheme for Xanadu, the United Kingdom's first travelling theme park is (he hopes) the right response to current circus economics, he is bothered by the pressure group tactics that have had him run out of town by local authorities all over the country. "People say 'why haven't we seen the circus here for so long?', and they're astonished when I tell them the council has banned us from its sites," he says. "The animal welfare people pester councils for a ban, they debate the issue in our absence, and anyway I've found you don't get a fair hearing if you do state your case. We are businessmen, we circus people, and independent. We don't have the time to fight all that and we don't have a parliamentary pressure group. Unfortunately teachers and local journalists have these trendy, vaguely left-wing attitudes *about animals so the children* get brainwashed and we get headlines like 'RSPCA says boycott the circus'. Well, *mums and dads will think* twice about a circus treat when they see that."

Big animals are now non grata with virtually every local authority, and the few that allow dogs and horses pick as *many bureaucratic nits as they* can. Since starting in 1970, Cottle has only had "stop orders" in the last two or three years. "There's no logic in it, and they always back down, but it's a hassle. In Swindon the health and safety fellow produced 14 objections: he eventually backed down but we went on to Bristol where *they said ours was the best* circus equipment they'd ever seen." Once, during his ill-fated experiment with a non-animal circus, a duck was spotted in a visiting act and out came the stop notice. But non-animal circuses are not what the public wants. In the end, Cottle says, they're boring and they lack colour.

We were standing in a muddy patch of derelict ground on the south side of Wandsworth Bridge, and Cottle waved his arms as he talked directing operations for the transformation of this unlikely spot into Xanadu, a sort of Fifties-cum-Sixties version of Kubla Khan's pleasure dome. Stilt-walkers were rigging up a big tent, an acrobat was fixing the *Octopus ride, wearing the* teddy boy gear they will all have to help the atmosphere along. Barrie Walls, billed as the Grandfather of Grunge, who for 50 years has been "spiked, sliced, skewered, nailed down, beaten up and buried on a diet of razor blades, bottles and bleach and been run over by a Chieftan tank", tried out the ride and turned green. Cottle fell about: "The toughest guy in the business gets on one of my *rides and is Uncle Dick!*"

Walls, mild-mannered and completely bald, turned for a moment and revealed a bare back studded with painful-looking nail marks. The show opened on Saturday, and it's good-value entertainment, a fiver a head for as many fairground rides as you want plus Zincalli's gypsy circus, the Palace of Varieties, the world's *longest limo (a 72-foot Cadil*lac with fountains playing in the back), Human Curiosities like Walls and Semtex Sam, the human detonator, and even some animals. Liberty horses and football-playing boxer dogs, being domestic if not exactly natural, are acceptable.

Cottle looks at commuters squashed into hellish trains and wonders why animals apparently have more rights than humans. He wonders again when he sees animal *rights activists in leather jack*ets shooting air gun pellets at his caravans, threatening shop keepers who display circus flyers and ripping down every poster they can reach. He nods at Dr Kiley-Worthington's observations: "Loss of dignity is in the eyes of the beholder and if we only allowed natural behaviour we should not ride horses or put leads on dogs. The distinction between 'domestic' and 'wild' animals is misleading. More important is how and when animals are *handled, chained and brought* up."

Cottle and the doctor are as one on the excitement generated by the emotional attachment and communication between trainers and animals and the therapeutic value for both of their work. But all that's over in England now. Things are different in Germany and in circus-loving France, Italy and Spain. "It's a shame," says Cottle, with the shrug that got him through bankruptcy when the circus *was in Iran for the Shah's* overthrow, a spell of cocaine addiction and various other reverses. One can only wish *him luck with Xanadu, and* hope Rani doesn't get arthritis in her retirement.

Gut reaction in France

After years of culinary assault from the Anglo-Saxons, the French are wearing their stomachs with pride

A few yards from my flat on the southeastern side of Paris, I pass a mouth-watering menu every *morning. It is fun to read the* handsome rendition of what *"le chef vous propose aujourd'hui"*, whether it is just plain *salade d'endives au roquefort* and a simple *blanquette de veau*, as it was today, or something more complicated. This would not be worth mentioning were it not for the fact that the menu *is attached to the wall of the* state primary school.

Over the past couple of years, teaching children to enjoy the ancient culinary traditions has become a priority for French education. More than that, France is managing to "join the agreeable to the useful", as the saying goes, by proclaiming good cuisine and the frequentation of restaurants to be politically correct. And citizens can both support the national heritage and raise their self-esteem while enjoying *les plaisirs de la table, thanks to the doctrine pur*veyed in the phenomenally successful book of Michel Montignac. With a title adapted from Descartes, *Je Mange donc je maigris* ("I eat therefore I get thin"), the book holds that wine, *foie gras*, cheese and chocolate are no impediment to a fine silhouette. Even better for the couch-potato, M Montignac insists that exercise has never made anyone lose weight.

Some non-culinary factors *have favoured this pleasant* state of affairs. They include Socialism, Maastricht, recession and, most recently, the *personality of Edouard* Balladur, the new Gaullist prime minister. On his first day in office, he proclaimed that France must submit to a spirit of sacrifice and invited his cabinet to demonstrate self-denial at a lunch. This consisted of *escalope de saumon au basilic*, strawberry tart and chablis. For all his talk of belt-tightening, M Balladur *is a* devotee of *la bonne bouffe* (untranslateable, but roughly "fine nosh"), an old-fashioned *embodiment of the return to* red-blooded provincial cooking.

The trend is of course a *reaction to the excesses of the* 1980s. Well before recession, customers had rebelled against *nouvelle cuisine*, that *ritual in which they handed* over the price of a used car for a miniature helping of raw duck and raspberry sauce. At *the same time, Jack Lang, the* socialist culture minister and media darling of the Mitterrand administration, decided *that the glories of the French* kitchen should be accorded the same honours as the other creative arts. A "National *Centre of culinary arts"* was founded, as a sort of library of cooking tradition and the great chefs were treated to the *same honours as writers, mu*sicians or painters. To t horror of M Lang, studi confirmed that in its rush fast-food and indulgence *new hobbies such as joggi* and video-games. France w losing touch with its gastr nomic soul. A survey last ye found that 65 percent citizens could not name t ingredients of mayonnaise.

To remedy this schools ha launched their classes in awa ening taste. At the municip crèche attended by my tw *year-old son, the toddlers a* taught to recognise the fc fundamentals of sweet, salt bitter and acid. A four-fo Mickey Mouse holds the da menu outside the door. No ing less than the future France hangs on the man "The children are the gua ians of our taste-tomorro says the great Paul Bocuse.

'It's obvious that traditional nutritionists would be against me. If they were not, then I wouldn't exist'

Michel Montignac



M Bocuse was defined e other day by Christian Ga (he of the *GaultMillau* gui as "the last star of cuisine a like Brigitte Bardot was e last movie star". He met *that the age of the exal* super-chefs was over now t the trend was back to simp ity, but M Bocuse is joining in. He said that thenticity and "le terroir's now all-important. This where the French version political correctness comes Le terroir means both soil a rural "localness" and it *become the buzzword for* that is good and old-fashio and which is threatened by Americans, British and ot *alien forces.*

Of course the "ort dox" nutritionists ll preach the woes clogging your arteries w heavy sauces and deserts. they are even more hostil the American eating ha adopted by the young. anyone needing an exce *you only have to cite all the* studies which show that fol the wine and fat they c sume, the French have a *rate of heart disease.* Mic Montignac is the champion this department. His la book, which has occupie the top of the best-seller lis over 18 months, offers a fr free way of indulging yourself in restaurants or at hne provided you steer clea of potatoes, white bread nd certain combinations whi he says cause the pancreas to trigger the release of exce insulin into the bloodstrea.

The dietary world got ery thing upside down, say M Montignac, who has no sc entific training and was an overweight corporate exec ive until he devised his pro gramme. Counting calies, he insists, is meaningless. It's obvious that traditional tritionists would be against me," he says with impeccable gic. "If they were not, th I wouldn't exist."

CHARLES BREMER

In the strange world of New York's super celebrities, even a simple pregnancy is enough to stop the presses

To Donald and Marla, a Trump



Expectant: Marla Maples

Under most circumstances, the news that a millionaire and his girlfriend are having a baby would be fodder for the odd gossip column, perhaps, but hardly something to excite the jaundiced palate of New York's tabloid newspaper readership.

It is a reflection of the extreme nature of Donald Trump's celebrityhood that the pregnancy of Marla Maples, his longtime companion, is considered an event of overwhelming importance in the life of this strange city.

On the day that Ms Maples announced she was carrying Mr Trump's child, police sealed off the area around the theatre on Sixth Avenue where she is currently starring in a musical to accommodate a press conference there, and traffic ground to halt as the couple appeared before ranks of journalists and photographers to declare the happy conception.

That morning Ms Maples had appeared in her underwear on the cover of the taboid *New York Daily News* — an unconventional method of announcing a pregnancy, but in character.

The extraordinary excitement surrounding the pregnancy illustrates two important facts about the nature of super-celebrity: the first is that an event in the lives of such people does not actually have to be interesting to merit lavish media coverage, and the second is that the amount of attention paid to you by others seems to depends largely on how much attntion you pay yourself.

Mr Trump is an entrepreneur with impressively vulgar tastes; Ms Maples is a moderately talented actress who shares most of Mr Trump's tastes, including that for extreme and egregious self-advertisement.

The relationship between the couple and the New York press is remarkably similar to that between Mr Trump and Ms Maples: often explosive, full of mutual accusation but finally symbiotic.

Thanks to the efforts of their respective public relations personnel, New York has been treated, in detail, to every vicissitude in the couple's tortured relationship, to the extent *that most New Yorkers could tell you* when, where and how Mr Trump and Ms Maples conceived their child: namely, in California last February when they were reunited after one of their well-publicised spats.

It is not known whether a publicist was actually there when the world's most famous embryo was created, but it seems likely.

The fascination of the Trump-Maples ménage is the result of money, glamour and one of the oldest myths on Broadway: the girl from the country who kisses enough *frogs and finally makes good.* The "Georgia Peach" was immediately taken to the heart of most New Yorkers, where a gold-digger is *reviled until she strikes a lode. (For* perhaps the same reason Americans have retained an affection for the Duchess of York.) Mr Trump and his girlfriend appeal directly to New York's self-image: brash, controversial, as shiny and hollow as the betting tokens in Mr Trump's casinos, as loud and brassy as the waterfall in Trump Tower.

Then there is the vague, but well-grounded *suspicion that the point* when Ms Maples and Mr Trump totter off into the sunset to raise a family is still some way off. Even *though Ms Maples has said* "I wanna be a good mom" and Mr Trump has patted her stomach in public, there is still the knotty *question of the pre-nuptial* agreement Mr Trump is believed to require before ascending the aisle.

Mr Trump's last marriage to the *socially-energetic Ivana cost him* $25 million and a $7 million house in Connecticut.

Little is certain is the strange, public world of Trumpery, and the only thing that can be predicted with any certainty is that when, or if, the couple decides to marry, the photographers, the press and the lawyers will be the first to be invited.

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Design seems to be suffering a mild schizophrenia — but the division is more apparent than real

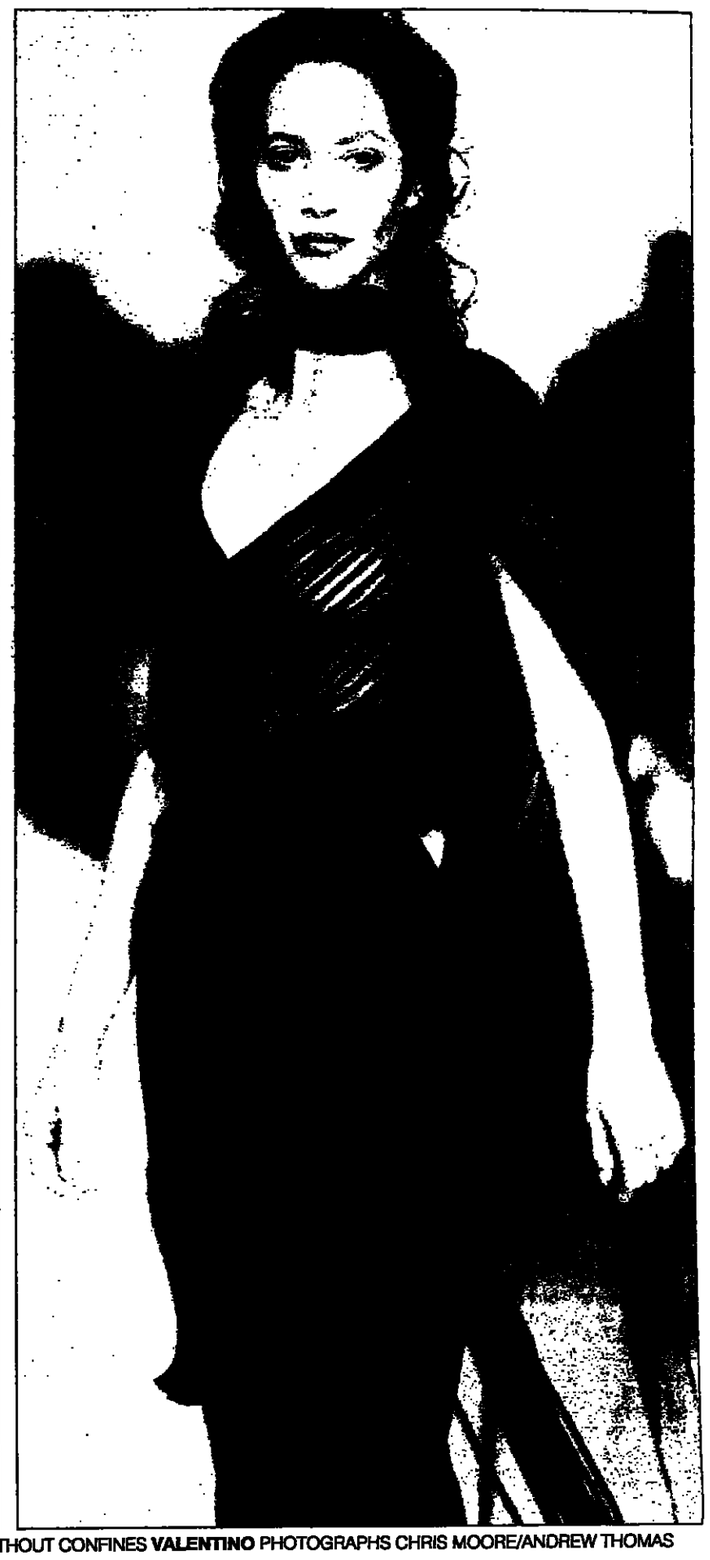


VALENTINO IN SWEATERS ANNE DEMEULEMEESTER IN CREASES

Dressing the split personality



ABOVE LEFT: SEDUCTIVE FREESTYLE ANNE DEMEULEMEESTER RIGHT: CURVES WITHOUT CONFINES VALENTINO PHOTOGRAPHS CHRIS MOORE/ANDREW THOMAS



Fashion

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The April issue of American *Elle* opens with an advertisement for Lancôme make-up featuring the film-star Isabella Rossellini, with lips and nails painted bright red. Three pages later, Estée Lauder Knowing perfume promotes itself with a picture of Paulina Porizkova, dripping with diamonds. The images are glossy and slick. They exude glamour.

Sandwiched between the two is the CK Calvin Klein Jeans campaign starring superwaif Kate Moss. Ms Moss is photographed in bleak black and white, her centre-part hair falling naturally over her shoulders. She wears little make-up, and a knitted sweater, fraying around the edges, crudely cut off to bare her midriff. Her jeans are too big. The picture is a Diane Arbus-style representation of what is hot in 1993. Some would classify this picture as *grunge*, but more of that later.

These pictures co-exist in the same magazine. At the same moment. The images are diametrically opposed, but together exemplify the dilemma fashion is facing.

In Paris, last month, the split between these two camps became more obvious. Being witness to a collection of sumptuous splendour by one designer, only to see a completely contrary concept presented by another, brought on an attack of mild schizophrenia.

The shows of Valentino and Anne Demeulemeester couldn't have been more different. At first glance, Valentino continues to please the ladies who lunch with neat suits, and luxurious gowns; Demeulemeester creates clothes which look crumpled. However, on closer inspection, the gulf between them doesn't seem so wide. Valentino's tweed suits no longer confine the body, but curve about it. Straight skirts flow into fluted hems. Demeulemeester's creased frock coats are as exquisitely tailored as any you might find in Savile Row. Her jarring proportions are considered.

Both designers produced *great* collections, and even though their clientele would consider themselves at odds, the ethos presented by the designers was remarkably similar. It spoke of change. Demeulemeester's declarations may be more dramatic, but Valentino's choice of a sparkly sweater over chiffon as an eveningwear statement, or silk dressing gown worn as a coat, underlines that a new way of thinking about clothes is at the heart of this hullabaloo, not new labels.

Labelling anything remotely off-kilter as "grunge" has sadly become the norm. The only look which escapes the tag is the two-piece suit. Unfortunately, this is the way the fashion business works. Something fresh explodes onto the scene, a label is duly stamped on it, and then anything, and everything, which comes close is given the same name. The result is an homogeneous horror story.

The grunge look is merely the focal point of fashion's ever-changing mood. The ripple effect goes further.

Anna Cockburn, one of the stylists responsible for the loosening of fashion's conventions, says: "It's not just about chopping your hair or showing your stomach. What's happening isn't about one specific look, it's about dressing in a new way. Having a more relaxed approach to clothes. Putting things together which may not have been considered *proper* before." Like a sweater for that special occassion.

What has happened over the past season — the trip down memory lane with the hippies; the ragged rant of the deconstructivists; the ugliness of grunge; the fantastic voyage of the couturiers — has polarised the desire for change within a business which depends upon on it to exist, but instead of merely being about creating something new to buy, it presents new possibilities.

For young, relatively unknown British photographers, Corinne Day and David Simms, to suddenly be called upon to shoot multi-million dollar campaigns for the likes of chic Seventh Avenue department store, Barneys and Calvin Klein (respectively) in New York proves that anything can happen. It must for fashion to survive.





VALENTINO DRESSING GOWN IN SILK DEMEULEMEESTER DRESSING UP IN FROCK COAT

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JEWELLERS, Bvlgari, have announced the launch of Eau Parfumée, Cologne au Thé Vert. Eau Parfumée is a refreshing verdant scent with green tea base notes. The unusually large bottle, 350ml rather than the traditional 180ml, is an elegant flask fashioned from pale green satinised glass. The launch coincides with the opening of Bvlgari's second London shop at Harvey Nichols in mid April, which as well as the traditional Bvlgari jewellery will also be stock watches, accessories and small gift items. Price £140, and available exclusively from Bvlgari, 172 New Bond Street, W1; Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1.

● THE central hall at Harrods will provide the starting point for the world tour of the Alfred Dunhill Centenary Show from April 15 to May 1. An exhibition will chart the development of one of Britain's leading luxury goods companies. Many items on display are from the 1920s, notably "motorities", a range of practical and often humourous accessories for drivers. While tastes have changed dramatically in the past 100 years, Alfred Dunhill continues to create an expression of English style and quality which is recognised the world over.

● We have two photographer's waistcoats, by Mulberry, to give away to the first two readers to write to The Times Fashion Department, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The zip-fronted chino waistcoats were featured in *The Times* Magazine last Saturday and are a perfect accessory for work or leisure.

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Matthew Parris



■ Why do people debate the future of the church when they have not made up *their minds about the existence of God?*

Why, asked William Rees-Mogg in his column of March 29, do old people not go to church more? The question provoked a lively correspondence on the opposite page, but mostly about forms of worship. One hesitates to blunder in, but might it be that old people do not go to church because they don't believe in God?

The propensity of my countrymen to discuss their church instead of discussing the reason for it — to discuss their religion in isolation from any consideration of the existence of a deity — has always amazed me. I wonder whether, perhaps, I have missed something obvious: whether part of my brain is absent.

How is it possible — would somebody please explain — to hold and canvass vigorous opinions on whether women should be priests or the Church of England "established", whether prayers should be said or sung, or the Bible read in the King James or more modern versions, what vestments should be worn, what music played, what bells rung, what hands clapped or incense used ... how is it possible, I ask, so much as to begin such enquiries, or to feel remotely interested in the answers, without first determining the question to which they are mere postscripts? Does the God of the New Testament exist? Please accept that I am not here trying to persuade you that He does or does not, but to communicate my surprise that the question is so little, or so languidly, asked.

> 'Would we pay into a pension if the insurance company were a fiction?'

For if God exists then our Godless existence falls apart. And if God does not exist then surely the church falls apart! We would be dealing with a superstition. A whole range of ancillary debates would just drop away as pointless.

Forms of prayer? Hats or no hats? *Thou* or *you*? What would it matter? Would we discuss how to address the Loch Ness Monster if we did not believe in the Loch Ness Monster? Would we pay money into a pension policy if the insurance company were a fiction?

I simply cannot understand why all those millions of my countrymen who mumble that they are "probably" believers can regard their uncertainty as less than a personal emergency. Why are they not driven to find out more?

The New Testament offers a picture: a God who does not sound at all vague to me. He has sent his son to Earth. He has distinct plans both for his son and for mankind. He knows each of us personally and can communicate directly with us. We are capable of forming a direct relationship, individually, with him, and are commanded to try. We are told this can be done only through his son. And we are offered the prospect of eternal life — an afterlife in happy, blissful or glorious circumstances — if we live this life in a certain manner.

Friends, if I believe that, or even a tenth of that, how could I care which version of the prayer book was being used? I would drop my job, sell my house, throw away my possessions, leave my acquaintances and set out into the world burning with the desire to know more and, when I had found out more, to act upon it and tell others.

How is it possible to be indifferent to the possibility, if one believes it to be a possibility, that a being of this order makes demands of this order upon you or me, and that in 30, 20, 10 years — perhaps tomorrow — we shall be taken from this life and ushered into a new one whose nature will depend upon our obedience, now, to his will? Far from being puzzled that Mormons or Adventists should knock on my door, I am unable to understand how *anyone* who believed what is written in the Bible could choose to spend his waking hours in any other endeavour.

There is quite a revival of interest at present in church law, and Christian forms of worship. Politicians have started talking about Christian values. There has also been a small flurry of books (such as the recent one by Bryan Appleyard) about the alleged "moral crisis" of the modern world, and the need for a new or revived moral order which (on inspection) bears a marked resemblance to the old Judaeo-Christian one. But the natural focus of all these arguments is never properly acknowledged.

It should be: then we can make up our minds. The church and all its forms of worship, and the moral law to which it testifies, are all secondary facts: the primary fact (if fact it be) would be God. Those other things would follow from this, and without it would not follow.

No amount of breast-beating about the importance of a role for religion advances us an inch further towards a proof of the central fact upon which a religion must be predicated, and without which it must fall: the existence of a deity. Nobody of any intellectual stature since Bishop Joseph Butler in the early 18th century has candidly tried to argue backwards from the want of a religion to its validity. Yet this is the argument now being advanced, under cover of some intemperate vacuities about "moral panic".

I fully accept that there is a need for God in this world. Whether, however, there is a God, is an altogether different question.

Out of the much-manipulated peace movement comes a clarion call, writes **Conor Cruise O'Brien**

The lesson from Gordon Wilson

The Sinn Fein-IRA propaganda machine has had remarkable success in counteracting, containing, deflecting and even co-opting the apparently strong movement of public opinion against the IRA which followed its murder of two children in Warrington.

A part of this success is due to Sinn Fein-IRA's seasoned propaganda skills and to the cynical effrontery of its leaders. Their most signal triumph was the emergence of Gerry Adams in the unlikely role of organiser of Northern Ireland's best-attended "peace demonstration" of the year, a gathering in west Belfast at which 10,000 were said to be present. It was in fact a Sinn Fein demonstration against the British presence in Northern Ireland, and against the security forces in particular, seen as the cause of all the violence. George Orwell would have been impressed by this mass protest on a theme of "peace means war".

The peace demonstration in central Belfast was non-political and therefore much smaller. The Protestant community in Northern Ireland tends to distrust peace demonstrations in general, knowing how easily these can be hijacked by the IRA.

But Sinn Fein-IRA's tactics involve much more than skilful propaganda. There is a political strategy at work, based on long experience of the psychological repercussions of political terror. Terrorism derives its efficacy in great part from the extent and intensity of the revulsion against it; provided always that, as at present, the revulsion remains politically inchoate, and therefore without practical consequences.

The expressions of moral outrage which follow the news of any particular atrocity constitute for Sinn Fein-IRA a potential resource, which need only be handled adroitly to pay political dividend. This is visible at many levels. For example, when President Clinton sent his message to the bereaved at the Warrington memorial service, what he intended as a repudiation of the IRA terrorists was seen by their supporters (and that more numerous body, their half-supporters) as internationalising the question of Northern Ireland. Warrington, from their coldly pragmatical point of view, will have paid off if (among other things) it serves to draw the president of the United States in as arbiter of a quarrel which they believe he is likely to resolve in favour of "Brits Out" (as President Truman, in effect, did over Palestine). These expectations are no doubt greatly inflated, but their mere existence is helpful to the IRA in raising morale and stimulating recruitment.

More generally, a mass movement "against violence" is a phenomenon with which Sinn Fein-IRA is thoroughly familiar and which it can divert to its own purposes. Such a movement is basically ethical and spiritual. It does not think in terms of political implications and consequences, and because this is so, it lies open to exploitation by people who think exclusively in terms of political ends, attainable not only through military means but through political and psychological exploitation of the violence and the ethical and spiritual revulsion the violence engenders. The dedicated moralist, when he or she feels driven to enter a field dominated by conflicting political claims, can become the natural prey of the most ruthless and crafty breeds among those dedicated to political ends. But that does not always happen.

Take the cases of Susan McHugh of Dublin and Gordon Wilson of Enniskillen. Both are admirable people. The first, entirely contrary to her impeccable intentions, was induced to serve the political purposes of the Sinn Fein-IRA propaganda machine. The second appeared to have met the same fate and then, at the last moment, escaped his would-be manipulators and dealt their cause a shrewd and swingeing blow.

> 'He was called a dupe, but showed himself as nothing of the kind'

Susan McHugh, a housewife and non-political, came into the public eye when she spontaneously and eloquently articulated the revulsion generally felt in the Republic of Ireland following the Warrington murders. Mrs McHugh called on others to join her in a massive protest, which they did. Unfortunately, since this was a generic protest against violence it could be, and was, joined by a disciplined phalanx of agents of Sinn Fein-IRA. At the original Warrington-prompted peace rally in Dublin, these people, when they raised their banners, were attacked by anti-IRA protesters and had to leave the scene under police escort.

But this immediate crowd response soon came to seem politically incorrect to the organisers of the rallies. For they, being ethically motivated and politically inexperienced, were not equipped to deal with the politically loaded questions which the Sinn Fein-IRA peace protesters were there to raise. Eventually, Mrs McHugh was heard to condemn the killing of children in Northern Ireland by plastic bullets. From an ethically motivated person, ignorant of political contexts and believing it virtuous to ignore them, such a response is natural. Of course the killing of *any* child must be condemned, whatever the circumstances. It is as simple as that.

Only it isn't. Mrs McHugh was here the innocent victim of a well-crafted political ploy. For more than 20 years one of the standard IRA techniques has been to incite the young to throw stones at British troops. In an early phase some of these troops used live ammunition against the rioters. That produced Bloody Sunday and a political bonanza for Sinn Fein-IRA. Subsequently, the troops used minimal means of riot-control, including plastic bullets, and some of the young rioters have been killed. Who is to blame for those deaths? Primarily, I suggest, those who incited them to attack the troops, in the knowledge that casualties would be grist to the propaganda mill of Sinn Fein-IRA. The fact that a passionate advocate of peace can appear to equate those plastic bullets with the IRA bombs at Warrington is a spectacular triumph for Sinn Fein's propaganda machine.

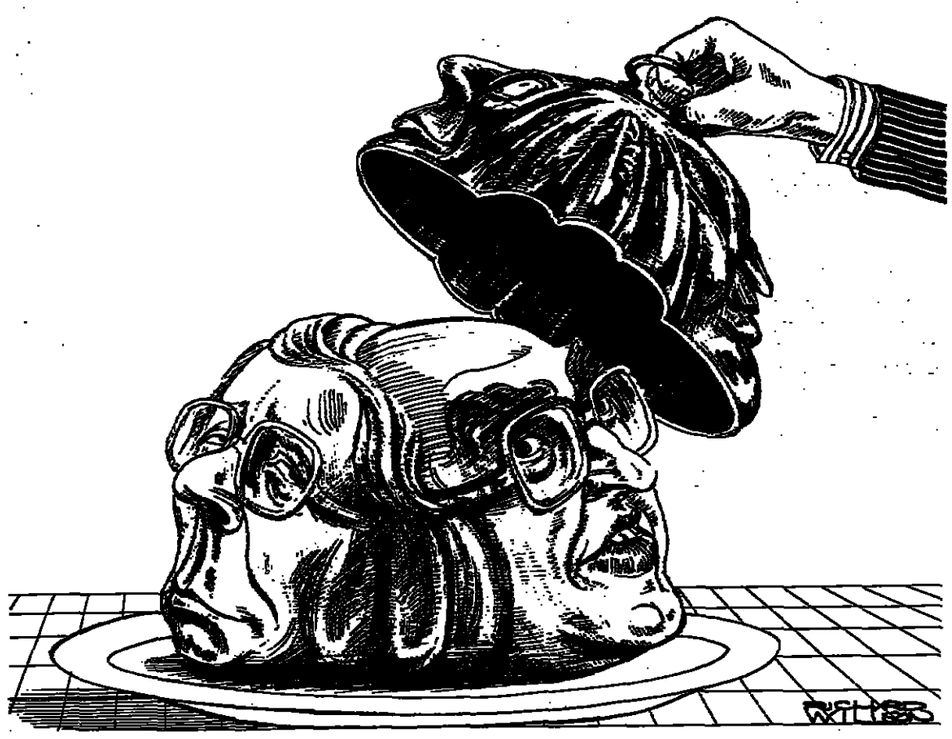
The case of Gordon Wilson is more tragic. His own daughter was a victim of IRA violence, in the Enniskillen bombing of Armistice day, 1987. Mr Wilson at the time publicly expressed his forgiveness of the murderers. Last week he sought out representatives of the IRA to plead with them to stop the killing. For that he was called a dupe, but he has since shown himself to be nothing of the kind.

The IRA's reply to him, in substance, was that it was prepared to keep up its campaign, if necessary, for another 40 years. Gordon Wilson did not leave it at that. After the rebuff to his spiritual approach he called for the tightening of temporal measures, asking the British and Irish governments to consider internment of both sets of terrorists. In this he shows that as well as being a person of deep spirituality he is also a better politician than John Hume of the SDLP, who has just handed Sinn Fein-IRA yet another propaganda bonus by agreeing to resume his "in-depth discussions" with Gerry Adams. In the cause of peace, of course.

As John Major prepares for some kind of new departure concerning Northern Ireland, he should take note both of the peace movement and of the extent to which it has been hijacked. Especially, he should take note of Gordon Wilson's weighty advice. He should note that the terrorists, including the IRA, cannot be defeated, either by spiritual appeals or by purely political initiatives. The most urgent need is to tighten security, even-handedly, against both sets of terrorists. Before they can be beaten, the nettle of internment, North and South, will have to be grasped. Gordon Wilson is right.

Consensus, what consensus?

The old political divide has only been obscured, says **Peter Riddell**



One of Tony Benn's party pieces is to portray himself as the outsider, challenging the establishment coalition of Tory and Labour front benches. This produces a strained smile, and muttered curse, from his own party's leaders. The refrain has been taken up by some Tory Euro-sceptics in attacking the support of all three main parties for the Maastricht treaty. But is there now such a consensus that it does not really matter which party is in office?

It is a gross over-simplification to suggest that we are now in a post-ideological age in which Tony Blair and Kenneth Clarke could swap places with nobody noticing. The parties have moved towards the centre since the mid-1980s, but movement does not mean identity. While, unlike the early 1980s, Tories and Labour are now on the same playing field, they are still at opposite ends.

Many of the ideas of the 1980s about the role of markets and ownership are now commonly accepted, while the end of the Cold War has altered the terms of the foreign policy debate. Whereas a Labour victory in 1983 or 1987 would have threatened basic assumptions about the mixed economy and Britain's place in Nato and the European Community, that is not true now. Labour accepts many of the Tory changes since 1979. Its leaders talk the language of markets, albeit not always convincingly.

The scope of argument has been narrowed, but not eliminated. If Labour had been elected a year ago, a Neil Kinnock government would have tried a different approach. Even if there had been no ideological revolution, Labour would have protected the interests of its core supporters, in the public sector, in the regions and in the unions. Britain would have signed up to the social chapter, might have devalued rather than left the exchange-rate mechanism, and would have raised taxes on higher-income groups rather than Vat.

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Any government would have been constrained by the rise in public borrowing and voters' resistance to paying higher taxes. The result might have been only a marginal difference in overall spending and taxation — certainly less than the Tories alleged in the election — but a difference there would have been in the distribution of taxes. It is questionable how enthusiastically a Labour government would have pressed forward with changes in the structure of government, the citizen's charter agenda. When a new industrial problem appears, whether it is pit closures, Rolls-Royce redundancies or the future of the film industry, the Labour response is to argue for government intervention.

These differences amount to more than moving the furniture around, even if they are a good deal less than knocking down the house and rebuilding it. Yet it is not only the perversity of Mr Benn nor the frustration of the Tory Euro-sceptics that leads them to argue that there is now a cross-party consensus, not just on Europe but on other issues.

Mr Major and Mr Smith also have a lower key and less confrontational style than their predecessors. They are eager to appear responsible and respectable. Neither has even had a brush with bohemianism. Neither can be imagined without a tie, unless playing cricket or hill climbing. Neither likes talking in ideological terms. Even when the two leaders passionately disagree at prime minister's questions, the gulf seems small, and certainly smaller than did the Thatcher-Kinnock jousts.

The belief that ideology no longer matters also results from a confusion in both parties about where they now stand. The Thatcher years, and particularly their end, so shook up British politics that previous views were undermined. After the radical changes introduced by Mr Kinnock between 1983 and 1992 in response to the Thatcherite assault, Labour's commitment to modernise its policies has run ahead of its ideological redefinition, as shown by the argument about whether to replace clause four on public ownership.

The Tories still appear more uncertain, and divided. They have not made up their minds whether they are proud of the Thatcher era or whether they want to forget it and set a new agenda. Baroness Thatcher sought to create an American-style enterprise economy, while in practice maintaining most of the structure of the post-war welfare state. Mr Major initially sought to have the best of both worlds by proclaiming that it was possible to revive enterprise and expand public services, combining tax cuts and higher spending. That was made temporarily possible by the rapid growth, thus higher tax receipts, in the late 1980s. The view was given quasi-ideological form by Chris Patten in 1991 with his advocacy of Christian Democracy on continental lines as a post-Thatcherite way forward, a model which did not appeal to the lady or her allies.

This view, with its strongly European overtones, is now out of fashion. It is not just that Mr Major has been forced on the tactical defensive over the EC because of the battles about Maastricht. The recession, and the legacy of the pre-election spending spree, have highlighted the conflict between spending and tax commitments. Mr Major may be carrying forward his "revolution" in public services, but the story for the next few years will be about a squeeze on spending and higher indirect taxes, even if income tax is cut a little.

Mr Major is struggling to present a coherent strategy, moving beyond Thatcherism. But few other ministers, apart from Douglas Hurd, even attempt to do so. Mr Patten's elegant comments during his visit from Hong Kong have underlined how he is missed as an adviser, and ideologist.

The present uncertainty, not just in Britain but also in America, shows how we are all still adjusting to the end of the crusading phase of the conservative counter-revolution of the 1980s. The ideological maps are still being redrawn.

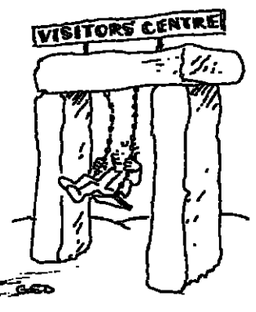
Precious stones

MUFFLED squeals of delight echo in the London headquarters of the National Trust over a magazine article which is particularly rude about English Heritage. Its author, David Chippindale, a leading expert on Stonehenge, says the government conservation body manages the ancient monument so badly that the *trust should take over.*

Copies of the article have been distributed at the National Trust's building in Queen Anne's Gate, where the idea has been seized upon with glee. But because Stonehenge is regarded by English Heritage as its flagship, the trust cannot afford public enthusiasm. "It's very sensitive politically," said one council member of the trust. "I must admit that taking on Stonehenge would be like slipping on Cinderella's slipper for us. It's a very attractive idea, but there is English Heritage's pride at stake."

Chippindale has already done his best to dent that pride. "English Heritage looks pushy, insensitive, remote from professional and community interests, commercially minded, self-regarding and alien in its attitude. Its day-to-day management of Stonehenge is poor," he writes in *History Today.*

Chippindale is curator of Cambridge University's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and has written *two books on Stonehenge.* He points out that the National Trust owns 15,000 acres surrounding the 13 government-owned acres on which the stones stand. Therefore proposals to improve the site with a visitors' centre should be left *to the trust, he says.*



Few suggestions could so inflame English Heritage's irascible chairman, Jocelyn Stevens, who has devoted considerable energy to Stonehenge. "We are in close consultation with the National Trust and one of our immediate priorities is to improve Stonehenge," said a spokesman. That relationship with the trust may, too, need the odd repair now.

● *Perhaps it was tempting fate. While in Rio last November during British Steel's round-the-world challenge, one yacht crew met Ronnie Biggs, the ex-train robber. An excellent party followed, where Biggs signed T-shirts and regaled the crew with tales of his escapades. The luckless sponsor of that yacht was the security firm Group 4, from whose clutches four prisoners have just, well, escaped.*

That tears it

THE lot of the biographer may not always be a happy one. But an experience recently suffered by Sir Robert Rhodes James, the historian and former Tory MP for Cambridge, could be described as calamitous. Nine months after he was asked by the Rothschild family to write its history, he has been told to stop work on the commission he hoped would mark the culmination of his career as a historian.

On July 1 last year, Sir Robert and the Rothschilds signed a contract confirming he was their official biographer. Now, and without warning, the Rothschilds have withdrawn all support for the project, inexplicably blaming "commercial reasons".

The book was to be published by Little, Brown in 1998 — the 200th anniversary of the arrival in Britain of Nathan Rothschild, who by the time of Waterloo had become the world's most powerful banker. Sir Robert says sadly that their respective lawyers are now at each others' throats. "I honestly have no idea what has happened," he says. "After all, they approached me, not the other way round. I don't know what they were worried about." It can't *really* be money, can it?

Crowning glory

THE royal gravy train continues with the imminent launch of the glossiest magazine of them all. The first issue of *By Royal Appointment* is planned for June, with articles on royal warrant holders thoughout Europe.

Although the project is shrouded in secrecy, Redwood, the publishing house, has already appointed an editor for the quarterly which, initially, will be distributed through the *Relais & Chateaux* group of luxury hotels.

Firms which cater for the royal courts of Belgium, Denmark, Holland and Sweden will feature along with companies such as gunmakers and motor mower manufacturers which supply our own royal family. James Baxter & Son, purveyor of potted shrimps to royal households, approves of the idea. "But it shouldn't get gossipy like the tabloid press," it says. No danger of that. "It will be very, very high quality. The magazine will reflect the traditions and values of permanence and endurance," says Redwood. Hardly sounds like the royal family.

● *First the prison camp, now the drink. Colditz beer, a heady golden pilsner brewed in the shadow of the castle, is to go on sale in Britain. But there's little need to rush for your first bottle if the experience of former prisoners is anything to go by. "We used to get hold of local beer on the odd occasion and it was terrible — quite undrinkable," says Lord Newborough, vice-president of the Colditz Association, who escaped in 1944. Let's hope the brew has improved.*

DIARY





Well met: the archdeacon and, right, Dr Jonathan Sacks

Oh, you mean that chief rabbi

THE Venerable George Austin, Archdeacon of York, may not have been surprised by a survey showing that a third of the country was iguorant about Easter. But his admission in yesterday's *Sunday Express* that he did not know who the Chief Rabbi was raised more than a few eyebrows in ecclesiastical circles.

The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, confessed to being astonished: "That is quite amazing. It can't really be true that he doesn't know, can it?"

Yesterday, the archdeacon admitted candidly that it was. "I'm afraid I haven't caught up with the times yet: I know that the old one was Lord Jakobovits but I'm not sure of the new one," he said.

The Diary was happy to remind him that Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks was appointed in September 1991 and he is, according to his friend, Rabbi Hugo Gryn of the west London synagogue, a "very nice man". Perhaps a meeting should be arranged.

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IN BAD FAITH OVER ISRAEL

The West is conniving in a dangerous UN game

When it was opened for signature last January after 25 years of negotiation, the Chemical Weapons Convention was hailed as a breakthrough in arms control, impossible to achieve without the ending of the Cold War. This is the first treaty to ban outright an entire category of weapons and oblige countries to submit to rigorous controls designed to prevent cheating. If it works, a similarly comprehensive ban on biological weapons should become politically feasible. Failure would be damaging for the future of international arms control, nuclear weapons proliferation included.

Policing the ban will be formidably difficult, however: far harder than detecting clandestine production of nuclear weapons. This makes it all the more important that the working of this convention is not caught up in the kind of United Nations gamesmanship that for years gave international co-operation a bad name. Yet this is already happening, and with the West's connivance.

The convention is vulnerable on two counts. The first is that the agreed rules governing inspections will make cheating difficult but not impossible. The second ground for scepticism is that some of the 20 countries believed to possess or be developing chemical weapons have refused to sign. These include such key Arab states as Libya, Syria, Iraq and Egypt.

The Arab excuse is that Israel possesses nuclear weapons. Israel says it will agree to a Middle East ban on all weapons of mass destruction; but only in the context of a peace settlement. At the West's urging, Israel has taken the risk of signing the convention: in the absence of peace, and knowing that some of its neighbours possess chemical weapons. Yet the Arabs are using their influence to deny Israel the right to play a proper role in implementing the convention — and the West is cravenly following suit.

The success of the ban depends on the efficient, non-politicised functioning of the treaty's watchdog body, a new International Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (IOPCW). The problem is that the IOPCW is being set up as a United Nations body, and all UN organisations are run by committees of government representatives, elected as regional groups. Owing to Arab intransigence, Israel has been excluded from its Asian group at the UN and cannot, in consequence, be elected to the security council or any other UN committee.

Israel is the only country so treated. As a result, its UN membership is little more than formal. A reformed UN should have no truck with such nonsense. To Israelis, it confirms the UN's bias and deepens their resistance to UN involvement in the search for Middle Eastern peace. To get round the Arab boycott at the IOCPW, Israel has applied for temporary membership of the western group — and has been turned down.

No sensible reason has been given. Israel has been told it is not "western" geographically, but the group includes Canada, New Zealand and Australia. It has been told that UN custom is against it; but both the UN secretary-general and America are in favour (as are Germany and Italy). Israel already belongs to the western group at Unesco, and in each UN organisation — as Israel knows to its cost — groups are free to decide on their membership.

The West's real motive appears to be fear of offending the Arabs. Given the Arab League's obstructive attitude to the convention, this is even less respectable than usual. Israel, which in common with most states has yet to ratify the convention, has appealed against the decision. The western group will consider the appeal during the next meeting of the IOCPW preparatory commission, which starts on April 19. Britain has so far sat on the fence, taking refuge in the "absence of consensus" in the worst tradition of UN diplomacy. This convention's universality and efficient functioning are clear British interests. The government should throw its weight behind Israel's application.

CLASS WAR

The important question is how to reform education tests

John Patten could hardly have had a more uncomfortable first anniversary as education secretary. The government's testing programme, by which he sets such store, is unravelling day by day. With the expected addition of the National Union of Teachers to the ranks of those boycotting next term's national curriculum tests, at least three-quarters of classroom staff are likely to be ranged against him. Unless the courts come to his rescue, Mr Patten faces humiliating defeat.

The testing debacle is beginning to rival the pit closures programme in terms of sheer embarrassment for the government, and it may yet end in a similar climb-down. Conservative MPs are split on whether less face would be lost by abandoning this year's tests, or by continuing to make demands that seem certain to be ignored in most schools. Mr Patten's own future may not yet be in question, but it promises to be a difficult summer for the education secretary.

Mr Patten was in defiant mood yesterday as he insisted again that the tests would go ahead. Moderate teachers would see the need to provide hard evidence for the curriculum review he ordered last week, frustrating the ambitions of his politically motivated opponents in the NUT and other unions. In the resentful atmosphere that now pervades state schools, however, such tactics may well backfire. There is among the NUT a substantial core of activists who see the testing dispute as a way of undermining the government's educational reforms. For all their public protestations to the contrary, many are opposed to testing itself, and are determined to subvert the government's league tables and impose a system in which only they assess their own pupils. For every teacher who refuses to line up with the militants, however, another will be spurred into action by the misrepresentation of genuine professional concerns that are evident in independent schools and among some parents, as well as in the unions.

The momentum of the dispute is such that probably only the courts will convince the majority of teachers that they must press ahead with tests which will be altered radically over the next year. If the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords confirms that classroom teachers are under no statutory obligation to proceed, this year's results will become so patchy as to be useless for national or local comparisons by parents. Mr Patten will have hard decisions to take on whether to press ahead under such circumstances.

The more important question is how the tests are to develop and how quickly replacements are to be introduced. All sides may agree on their opposition to the present bureaucratic system, but there is little consensus on what should take its place. Teachers are implacably opposed to the simplified "pencil and paper" testing. Indeed, the main criticism of the most controversial of the present tests, those for 14-year-olds in English, is that they are too simple, not too time-consuming. Political interest may centre on the fate of next term's tests; the education argument needs a longer perspective. With the whole curriculum under review, as well as the tests, that may not be settled next year, let alone next month.

CLASSIC GROUNDS

Old roots are still relevant for the modern world

Classics are works that everybody claims to be going to re-read rather than simply to read. Members of the Classical Association, which ended its annual meeting in Durham Castle at the week-end, still read and re-read the classics of the ancient world more than most contemporaries. But their subjects are dismissed by practical modernists as élitist, antiquarian or, even worse, irrelevant.

Indeed, the days when Latin and Greek were king and queen of the curriculum, and grammar schools were so called because they taught Latin grammar, have gone. Nearly a century ago, when the CA was founded, its presidents were statesmen such as Asquith and Balfour, and *The Times* devoted one of its eight pages to daily reports of its conference. News values have changed; and it would be neither possible nor desirable to bring back the age when the Reverend Thomas Gaisford could recommend the study of Greek literature because it "not only elevates above the common herd, but leads not infrequently to positions of considerable emolument".

There was snobbery and waste in forcing all children to study the classics. But this year's president of the Classical Association, Professor Fergus Millar, Oxford's Camden Professor of ancient history, was shrewd to emphasise the vast scale and extent in space and time and contemporary relevance of his subjects. In time the classics can be said to extend from Homer in the 8th century BC to the publication of the *Digest* of Justinian in as close to the modern world as it was to Homer's heroic age. In space, the Helleno-Roman empires covered the ancient world from Afghanistan to the Atlantic, and from deep in North Africa to Hadrian's Wall. In ubiquity they lie just beneath the surface of the modern world, from its languages to culture, civilisation, religion and democracy.

The modern interest in roots is shown by the revival of the gymnasia and classical teaching in Eastern Europe and the old countries of the Roman Empire in the former Soviet Union. A Japanese professor of Greek philosophy, when asked why there were more chairs of his subject in Japan than England, replied that it made sense to understand the foundation philosophies of western civilisation. Interest in the past is widespread in courses of classical civilisation and sales of the classics in translation.

Britain has an old tradition of classical scholarship: and the classics have always been a ladder for the clever but poor, from Becket, Wolsey, Milton and Johnson to their modern epigones. It is an élitist paradox that teaching of the classics now flourishes in the independent schools, but struggles to survive in the state system. The promised revision of the core curriculum must concentrate on the basics, and so leave room at its edges for British schools to offer the study of the cultures out of which the modern world grew. This is relevant as well as traditional, important as well as pleasurable. Those who do not understand their past will always find

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pensions at 65 for men and women?

From Mrs M. E. Borcherds

Sir, Many women, especially those of us in our fifties, will have been dismayed to read (report, April 5) of a plan for the state pension for women to be delayed until the age of 65. Among those who will particularly suffer will be women who are or have been carers for many years, their careers and health having been shattered by chance circumstances.

Surely Mr Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, could have worked out some formula to fit individual circumstances (of both men and women) for an interim period while phasing in a new rule.

Is this yet another governmental blunder, or is it a cynical disregard for vulnerable members of our society who do not belong to powerful trade unions and who lack financial resources to fight their case?

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET E. BORCHERDS,
71 Swarthmore Road,
Birmingham 29.
April 5.

From Mr Tim Eccles

Sir, I believe that Peter Lilley's plan to increase the retirement age for women to 65 is socially and politically inept. The effect of this measure would be to increase unemployment among younger people, since jobs that would have become available through retirement would continue to be filled.

This would be less serious if there were a trend towards a significant long-term fall in unemployment, but all the signs point the other way: increasingly automated production, competitive imports and tough export markets would continue to restrict the number of jobs available even if there were an upswing in world trade.

Mr Lilley may not be unduly concerned about the social effects of older people continuing in jobs. But has he examined all the cost effects against a realistic forecast of our working population?

Has the average cost of unemployed younger people plus dependants been weighed against the cost of older retired people, presumably with fewer dependants?

Yours faithfully,
TIM ECCLES,
Gridleys, Ampney Crucis,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
April 5.

From Mr B. T. Latter

Sir, If pensions at 65 for both men and women come to pass, should they not be paid only to those who have paid the necessary contributions? Income support is the safety net for those who do not qualify, but a married woman can receive the state pension solely because of the contributions made by the husband, yet the husband has only paid the same as that of a single person.

This is now an anomaly because the state of marriage has changed considerably, as indeed life generally has changed, since the provisions were first introduced. However, a more important equaliser should be directed at the amount of the pension.

According to the Department of Social Security, the law now states that a person aged 60-74 needs £61.30 (£44 plus £17.30 age premium) per week to live on. That is the level of income support, but the state pension now at £54.15 per week is less than that which the law states is needed for a person aged 65-plus to live on.

This undeniable fact clearly indicates another anomaly and one that should be corrected without delay by increasing the state pension at least to the level of income support.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN LATTER,
Flat B, 5 Burrard Road,
West Hampstead, NW6.
April 5.

Reason and religion

From the Bishop of Coventry

Sir, The absurd assumption underlying Ian Robertson's attitude in his article ("Voices of sweet unreason", April 6) on secularism in modern Britain is that it is more rational, say, to believe that our world came into existence by chance, than to be open to the reality of a divine origin and ground for it.

To Mr Robertson I commend the work of some of the better philosophical writers of our century, from William Temple's *Mens Creatrix* to, more recently, Keith Ward's *Rational Theology and a Creator God*.

Behaviour such as that of David Koresh and his cult in Waco, Texas, is surely more likely to arise as a protest against the fundamentalist "rationalism" described and seemingly half-shared by Mr Robertson, than in a society where thoughtful imagination is developed that can indeed embrace themes like that of Christ's death and resurrection as central to a profoundly intelligent and intelligible world view.

Yours faithfully,
†SIMON COVENTRY,
The Bishop's House,
Davenport Road,
Coventry, West Midlands.
April 6.

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Added value as basis for taxation

From Mr Geoffrey Pearce

Sir, It is surely an indictment of this age that men and women are so frequently regarded as an unfortunate cost of production, which has to be reduced in difficult economic times. Are not human enterprise, skills and productive capacity the main sources of wealth creation?

When people are discarded, the knowledge and understanding of their craft can go with them; if substantial numbers are made redundant, then the nation's competitive abilities and skills in particular industrial sectors can be lost for ever.

A taxation system for companies that incorporates direct taxes as part of the labour cost aggravates this problem. Employees take home their net pay; yet in the accountants' books, income taxes, employee and employer insurance and pension contributions are added to make up the gross wage costs charged against a business's income. This additional cost can be as high as 50 per cent of the take-home pay, making labour costs appear highly expensive.

In contrast, a system of company taxation based on *added value* (the difference between the combined cost of bought-in materials and wages on the one hand and sales income on the other) would show up the true taxable capacity of the enterprise. Out of the real wealth (or added value) so created, distributions should be made to landowners (for rent), government (for taxes), banks (for interest) pension funds (for employees' long-term savings) and shareholders (for dividends).

This approach could bring about a fundamental cultural change focusing attention on wealth creation arising directly from the contributions and cost of all employees in the establishment.

Any system of taxation has immediate and long-term social and economic effects. Surely it is time for a fundamental review of the impact on the economy of the current system of direct taxation, and of the consequential accounting practice, that appear to be the major contributors to unemployment and inflation.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY PEARCE,
13 Jackson Road,
Holloway, N7.
April 8.

VAT on fuel bills

From Dr Michael Grubb

Sir, In his recent Budget statement the Chancellor presented the imposition of VAT on domestic fuel as an alternative to the EC proposals, on the ground that tax policy "should be decided here in this House — not in Brussels".

In fact, it was member governments of the EC, including the UK, which asked the Commission to propose Community-wide abatement strategies. The proposal was that each member government should implement taxes in a coordinated way, to avoid distortions as part of broader EC and OECD strategy.

Given that the UK is the second biggest CO_2 emitter in the EC, the government's clear and unilateral rejection of the proposal effectively destroys European attempts to develop a harmonised approach to the problem of global warming — which, as the Chancellor noted, is inherently a collective problem.

The proposed VAT, coupled with adequate protection of the poor, has its merits as a revenue-raiser, and in removing the anomaly that VAT was previously applied to conservation equipment but not fuels it also brings the UK's VAT into line with many EC countries (which considered the EC energy/carbon tax as additional).

The impact of the new tax on household energy bills will be greater and much more rapid than the proposed EC tax, whilst the long-run environmental benefits will be much smaller. An environmental measure would have been designed in a very different way.

To advance the new tax primarily under this banner is disingenuous. To present it as an alternative to the EC proposal, without any hint of an alternative approach to coordinated responses, is worse.

Yours sincerely,
M. J. GRUBB
(Senior research fellow, energy and environmental programme),
The Royal Institute of International Affairs,
10 St James's Square, SW1.

Service training merger

From Rear Admiral G. G. W. Marsh

Sir, Lord Gregson (letter, March 15) was right to underline the common dependence of the three armed services on engineering technology, but there is a considerable difference between land and sea-based systems in terms of engineering practice.

The modern warship is the most complex artefact in the military arsenal, and uniquely among the three services the Royal Navy has to live and work within its engineering habitat 24 hours a day, year in year out. As the Falklands war demonstrated beyond argument, the priority at sea must be in sustaining operational capability over long periods in an isolated and often hostile environment.

The purpose of the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon, is to prepare young men and women to cope with these problems at sea.

The question of training costs must not be allowed to dominate this issue: if the Royal Navy is to become smaller, the training of its officers must be improved, not put at risk. The untoward effects of enforced changes are unpredictable, slow to manifest and, even if curable, take generations to put right.

There may be long-term economic benefit from a tri-service university, but the Royal Navy's concern must be that such an establishment would be unable to bring to bear on the maritime domain the sharp focus that Manadon can achieve.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFF MARSH,
Newhall Mill, Newhall Green,
Delabole, North Cornwall.

Fitzroy of the 'Beagle'

From Mr M. B. F. Ranken

Sir, Nick Nuttall, in his report (March 26) on the 70th anniversary of BBC weather forecasting, does scant justice to Vice-Admiral Robert Fitzroy, captain of HM brig *Beagle* (240 tons) from 1829 to 1836.

Fitzroy was a meticulous hydrographer who surveyed much of the waters off Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, invented the "Fitzroy barometer" and later "weather forecasting". He became an MP, was governor of New Zealand, and finally Britain's "meteorological statist", a task which was then so primitive that its unreliability led him to suicide in 1865.

He was one of that small, elite band of dedicated Royal Navy surveyors who, since 1795, under the Hydrographer of the Navy, have developed and today maintain the premier world series of 3,300 Admiralty charts, sold to the mercantile marine and other users around the world.

These charts are vital to safe navigation, not only by the world's 80,000 commercial vessels but by many unregistered fishing boats, work barges, oil rigs and a huge number of yachts and other small craft. Special charts and data are provided for military aircraft, submarines and individual naval operations — e.g., in the Gulf.

The British National Hydrographic Service today employs close to 100 naval officers. Yet, in the search for economies on the defence budget, I understand that its six ageing survey vessels, the ships in which these specialist surveying officers have hitherto gained their training and experience, are imminently to be withdrawn, without direct replacement.

The British Hydrographic Service is an indispensable national centre of excellence and the first in its field internationally. It will be very difficult to reconstitute. Must we really destroy yet another national asset for ill-considered, short-term departmental savings?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RANKEN,
44 Castelnau Mansions,
Barnes, SW13.

From Mr P. J. Q. Henriques

Sir, Nick Nuttall describes Robert Fitzroy as a crew member of Darwin's ship, the *Beagle*. In fact the boot was on the other foot. Fitzroy was very much captain of the ship. He nearly turned Charles Darwin down on account of the shape of his nose, saying that it was not strong enough.

Thus history can be said to have hung by a nostril!

Yours faithfully,
P. J. Q. HENRIQUES,
Pointfield, 1 Anderton Villas,
Millbrook, Torpoint, Cornwall.

Abattoir expenses

From Mr Richard North

Sir, Your agriculture correspondent claims (report, April 3) that numbers of British abattoirs would have declined even without the new hygiene regulations "because most are too small to be viable".

Since the BSE scare in 1989, small abattoirs have seen an improvement in their fortunes, as consumers have turned to known and trusted supplies of meat. Consumer demand for better quality meat is reflected in increased sales from small, local butchers.

small slaughterhouses are struggling to keep up with demand. Financially, their problem is the imposition of veterinary fees, in addition to meat inspection charges, costing between £20,000 and £50,000 a year.

Few small businesses of any nature could stand regulatory charges of this level and slaughterhouses are no exception. Any lack of viability is, therefore, the result of ministry intervention, not market forces.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NORTH (Secretary),
Quality Meat & Livestock Alliance,
Croft Mill, Sharp Street.

Bring back the fun in life, please

From Mrs Avril Munson

Sir, Smokers sit in sullen misery on trains and buses, not smoking. *Bons viveurs*, who used to lunch on roast beef washed down with a couple of bottles of good claret, toy with designer lettuce leaves washed down with mineral water. The Health and Safety Executive showers *diktats* like confetti on hapless employers. Office banter and mother-in-law jokes are liable to land the perpetrator in the slammer. Grey misery stalks what once was Merry England.

What little laughter is heard in these dreary days tends to be provoked by estate agents' sales particulars — a literary genre in their own right. "A unique opportunity to decorate throughout in the colours of your choice", "WC with access to garden", are among my favourites.

The Property Misdescriptions Act ("The truth about that des res", Homes, March 31) should effectively silence our mirth. Even Roy Brooks-style advertisements are dangerous: some self-righteous consumer is bound to sue for disappointment that the squalid slum was really quite clean in part.

Nineteen eighty-four was slightly delayed — a few individuals on the line? — but has now arrived safely.

Yours faithfully,
AVRIL MUNSON,
17 River Avenue,
Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.
April 8.

Beaches revisited

From the Reverend J. R. Lowerson

Sir, Your report (April 5) and your leader (April 6) on the guide to polluted and acceptable beaches will no doubt produce a flurry of denials from the resorts. Anxious motorists will probably include the volume in their glove compartments and head for safe swimming.

But there is nothing new in this obsession with league tables and the marketing of beaches. About a century ago *The London Medical Recorder* produced a resort guide, listing not so much the presence of beach solids as the annual morbidity and mortality rates. The towns' medical officers churned out carefully adjusted statistics to confound their critics.

When *The Lancet* published a swingeing attack on sewage smells in Brighton an angry town meeting threatened court proceedings.

Yours faithfully,
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(Reader in History),
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Education Development Building,
University of Sussex,
Falmer, Brighton, Sussex.
April 6.

Fighting in Bosnia

From Sir Reginald Hibbert

Sir, The foreign secretary has said (report, April 6) that the lifting of the arms embargo in favour of the Bosnian Muslims would lead to a "level killing field".

Surely this would be better for them than the non-level killing field in which they have been penned for so long by the pusillanimity of the Western European powers?

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD HIBBERT,
Frondeg, Pennal,
Machynlleth, Powys.

Praise for BR

From Miss H. G. Watson

Sir, In shared adversity, may I publicly commend British Rail on the service it provides for disabled travellers, safely conveying me on a recent day-return trip from London to Manchester via buggy, train and wheelchair.

This service was provided with efficiency, courtesy and free of charge.

I remain a grateful traveller, and
Yours sincerely,
H. G. WATSON,
6 Green Court, Beckenham Grove,
Bromley, Kent.
April 8.

Straying from the point

From General Sir John Hackett

Sir, A few weeks ago a barrister learned in the law (a QC no less) said twice in one speech that John Major had run out of alibis (thus seeming to state that at the material time he was in another place).

A little later the Leader of the Opposition (for it was he, no less) made another speech in which (again twice) he said the PM had run out of excuses. If that is what he meant in the first place why not say so?

Now the shadow Chancellor has made a speech in which (twice, as seems to be becoming customary) he says the PM has run out of alibis, again with no suggestion of misdemeanours against which a defence of alibi has been offered.

What is going on? If there is a third man in hiding somewhere could he come forward?

Yours faithfully,
J. W. HACKETT,
Coberley Mill,
Nr Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

Mr Alan Ayckbourn, playwright, 54; Mr Bill Bryden, theatre director, 51; Miss Montserrat Caballé, opera singer, 60; Mr Brian Connell, writer and broadcaster, 77; Miss Elspet Gray, actress, 64; Mr H.R. Hewitt, former chairman, Johnson Matthey, 73; the Right Rev John T. Hughes, former Bishop to the Forces, 85; Mr Uwe Kitzinger, former president, Templeton College, Oxford, 65; the Earl of Limerick, 63; Mr A.W. Mabbs, archivist, 72; Mr Bryan Magee, writer, 63; Air Marshal Sir Harold Maguire, 81; Mr E.C. Meade, chartered accountant, 70; Lady Ricketts, former chairman, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, 74; Mr George Robertson, MP, 47; Mrs Wendy Savage, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 58.

Church news

Church in Wales

The Rev Jonathan Redvers Harris, Assistant Curate St James' Enfield: to be Priest Vicar Llandaff Cathedral (Llandaff).

Mr and Mrs Jack Stothard celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage today.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Giuseppe Tartini, composer, Istria, 1692; George Clint, portrait painter, London, 1770; Edward Bird, painter, Wolverhampton, 1772; John George Lambton, 1st Earl of Durham, statesman, London, 1792; Alexander Ostrovsky, dramatist, Moscow, 1823.

DEATHS: Boris Godunov, Tsar of Russia 1598-1605, Moscow, 1605; William Kent, architect and landscape gardener, London, 1748; Claude Prosper Crébillon, novelist, Paris, 1777; Pietro Metastasio, poet and dramatist, Vienna, 1782; Charles Burney, music historian and composer, London, 1814; Charles-Joseph Messier, astronomer, Paris, 1817; Feodor Chaliapin, bass singer and actor, Paris, 1938; Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd American President 1933-45, Warm Springs, Georgia, 1945; Antoine Pevsner, sculptor, Paris, 1962; Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber", world heavyweight boxing champion 1937-48, Las Vegas, 1981; Alan Stewart Paton, writer, Durban, 1988; Sugar Ray Robinson, boxer, Culver City, California, 1989.

Vice-President Harry S. Truman succeeded Roosevelt as American president, 1945.

Yuri Gagarin of the USSR made the first successful flight into space in *Vostok I*, 1961.

Marriages

Mr D.C.B. Pennick and Miss L.G. Boyle

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 3, in St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, SW1, between Deane, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Peter Pennick, and Laura, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ranald Boyle.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Beatrice Boyle, Emma Duckworth, Abigail Robinson and Jamie Stewart. Mr Simon Brewer was best man.

A reception was held at Searcy's and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

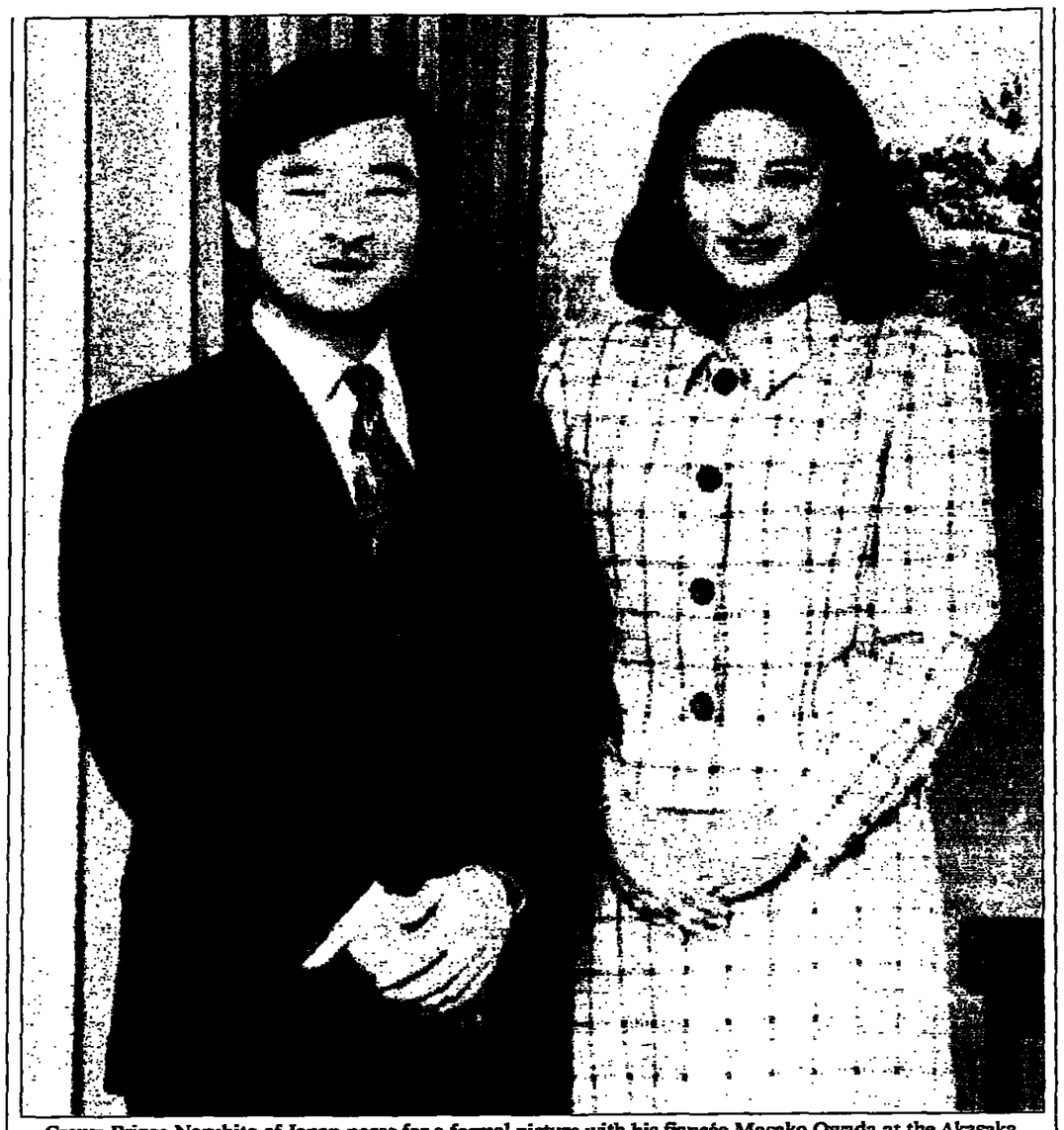
Mr L.G.E. Smith-Gordon and Miss K. Suzuki

The marriage took place on Saturday in Tokyo of Mr Lionel Smith-Gordon, only son of Sir Eldred and Lady Smith-Gordon, of London, SW10, to Miss Kumi Suzuki, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Masashi Suzuki, of Japan. Father John Wright officiated.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr C.G.J. Townsend and Miss J.A. Platt

The engagement is announced between Guy, only son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Townsend, of Upper North Dean, Buckinghamshire, and Jenny, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Platt, of St Helens, Lancashire.



Crown Prince Naruhito of Japan poses for a formal picture with his fiancée Masako Owada at the Akasaka Palace, Tokyo. Today a ceremonial exchange of betrothal gifts will be made between the royal family and the Owada family. The prince, 32, and Miss Owada, 29, a Harvard and Oxford graduate, are to marry in June

Classical Association

Snuff movies upset the Athenians too

By Philip Howard

OURS is not the first generation to fret about the immoral effects of art. Contemporary concern about whether pictures of violence and pornography corrupt their viewers has deep roots.

At the annual meeting of the Classical Association at Durham, Ms Helen Lakka of Newnham College, Cambridge, discussed the hot controversy about the original snuff movies 20 centuries ago.

A famous topic used to train students to argue concerned the Athenian painter Parrhasius, antiquity's answer to the photographer Robert Maplethorpe. Parrhasius purchased an old man from the captives from Olynthus, who had been put up for sale by Philip of Macedon. He tortured his slave, and used him as a model for a painting of Prometheus having his liver pecked away by the vulture. The old man died under his torture. Parrhasius hung his snuff masterpiece up in the temple of Minerva. In a popular rhetorical exercise, students were invited to discuss this early example of dying for art's sake.

There was plenty for budding lawyers and politicians to argue about. They quibbled over whether the victim was a genuine slave or a prisoner-of-war, and seized upon the pinpoint that the painting was *not* realistic because Prometheus did not in fact die.

But even in that bloody age, which enjoyed fatal charades in the amphitheatre, the broadcasting standards authority of the day considered that Parrhasius had gone too far. They said that he was mixing his colours like a butcher, and making a Prometheus instead of painting one. Against the fashionable argument that there was no evidence that pictures of violence and cruelty corrupt, a contemporary leader-writer asked: "Was it then only the old Olynthian slave that Parrhasius tortured? Does he not torture our eyes too?"

The power games between art and reality and the viewer and the viewed go back a long way. Cultural myth-making and educating or depraving society matter terribly in the long run. They always have, and they still do.

Robin Osborne of Corpus Christ College, Oxford, discussed the curious incident of the women on the gravestones of Athens. There were none before 500 BC. That is the curious incident. But by the last quarter of the fifth century, women are well represented on the grave *stelai*. Dr Osborne argued persuasively that the arrival of representations of women on Athenian graves was not an early rush of Greek feminism or an artistic advance by sculptors, but a result of Pericles' citizenship law of 451 BC. This made it necessary to have an Athenian mother as well as an Athenian father to qualify as a citizen. This constitutional change gave political importance to the public display of a woman's standing, even though it still left women outside actual political activity. It became possible to promote individual women on gravestones, without jeopardising the state ideology of citizen equality between males.

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Forces appointments

Royal Navy

REAR ADMIRAL: J R Brigstocke - To be Assistant Chief of Naval Staff 02.09.03; N E Rankin - To be Flag Officer Portsmouth 12.10.93

CAPTAIN: I W Craig - MOD London in the rank of Cdre 27.08.93; N R Hodgson - MOD London in the rank of Cdre 25.06.93.

SURGEON CAPTAIN (D): J Hargraves - Staff of CINCFLEET 30.07.93.

COMMANDER: R F Cheadle - Rosyth 30.07.93; H S Clark - Staff of FONA 31.08.93; M Dodds - Dryad 01.09.93; T J Elfringham - staff of CINCFLEET 30.07.93; T W Hare - Portland 25.08.93.

CHAPLAIN: I Livingstone - Seahawk 30.07.93; A W Pudner - Drake 20.08.93; E D J-E Renfrey - Poole 18.06.93; M Sharkey - Nelson 02.04.93.

Retirements

CAPTAIN: C J Meyer - 21.07.93; C L L Quarrie - 03.07.93; P F Wason - 27.05.93.

COMMANDER: M J Hakes - 03.05.93; M D Kooner - 01.06.93.

The Army

BRIGADIER: T W Terry - To MOD, 16.4.93.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: M J Dent R SIGNALS - To HQ Trg Gp R Signals, 13.4.93; G B L Fox RCT - To DS Staff Coll Australia, 13.4.93; H H Ham R Signals - To MOD, 13.4.93, A R T Hazlerigg RAOC - To be OC RAF Mount Pleasant (AE), 12.4.93; D James RRF - To MOD, 13.4.93; N J H Jones AGC(ALS) - To HQ BFHK, 13.4.93; R M S Lester RE - To HQ ARRC, 14.4.93; D N Macgregor-Smith A and SH - To be CO 3/51 Highland (V), 13.4.93; Sir Andrew Ogilvy-Wedderburn BW - To be CO 1 BW, 13.4.93.

Retirement

COLONEL: M G Ramsey RMP, 15.4.93.

Royal Air Force

The Queen has approved the following Royal Honorary Air Commodore appointments:

The Prince of Wales to be Honorary Air Commodore of RAF Valley.

The Duke of Gloucester to be Honorary Air Commodore of RAF Odiham.

The Duke of Kent to be Honorary Air Commodore of RAF Leuchars.

GROUP CAPTAIN: M A Basnett - To MOD RAF PMC 8.4.93.

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Nature notes

LINNETS are singing on gorse commons and along railway embankments: it is an unemphatic but unmistakable song, full of twanging notes and desultory trills. Often several males sing quite near each other, their red crowns and breasts gleaming in the sun. Greenfinches are singing very noisily and fluttering erratically. Odd ring-ouzels are turning up in the southeast as they make their way to the moors and hills: they are like blackbirds with a white collar in front.

Spring flowers are coming out early. Many woods are full of bluebells, though they are often still in tight clusters with the bells not fully open. Their glossy green leaves mingle with the pale, fern-like leaves of the wood anemones, which are now out in abundance. Cowslips are in flower, with their rings of yellow petals emerging from green tubes: they are found in meadows, and sometimes on the shady bank of fieldside ditches. Peacock butterflies have come out of hibernation, and display their four richly-coloured eye-spots when they settle on sunny ground. DJM



The linnet

Archaeology

New finds strengthen theory that Plato's Atlantis was based on Troy

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

THE recent discovery that ancient Troy was larger than archaeologists had thought has renewed interest in the controversial thesis that Troy was the original of Plato's Atlantis. This mythical polity was described as a powerful state, something incompatible with the modest remains hitherto identified as Homer's Troy.

The new data from Troy, reported in February, include palaces and cemeteries which more closely reflect the great city described by Homer in the *Iliad*. The remains found by Heinrich Schliemann more than a century ago and hailed by him as the city of Priam and Hector are both too early and too small — one can walk across the site in less than five minutes — to reflect credibly the city that faced a Greek force of 1,185 ships or a ten-year siege.

Dr Manfred Korfmann's discoveries also give more credence to the notion advanced by Dr Eberhard Zangger, of the University of Heidelberg, that a memory of Troy formed the basis for Plato's Atlantis. The thesis, first proposed in a popular book last year, has now been reiterated in the sober columns of the *Oxford Journal of Archaeology*.

All scholars agree that the only sources for the Atlantis legend are the *Timaeus* and *Critias* dialogues, in which, Dr Zangger says, "Plato assimilated a mixture of historical facts, precise technical information, myth and exaggeration to portray two remarkably developed civilisations which existed long before Classical Greece".

Since the details of one of them accord rather closely with Mycenaean Greece around 1100 BC, including literacy, bronze weaponry, large fleets and a complex social framework, the other must be the Mycenaeans' adversary Troy, Dr Zangger claims. He notes that "Atlantis" derives from "Atlas", and that Priam was an eighth-generation descendant of Atlas through his daughter Electra.

Plato's description of Atlantis contains parallels with Troy that include location on a narrow strait, hot and cold springs, comparable urban design and similar land and naval forces, he says. Some of the more troublesome differences between Troy and Atlantis — such as the latter's location beyond the "Pillars of Hercules", usually taken as the Strait of Gibraltar, its size and its date, the latter said to be over 8,000 years before Plato's time — Dr Zangger explains by faulty transmission through Egypt.

Dr Zangger's explanation is certain to annoy almost every scholarly constituency: one, following the late Sir Moses Finley, holds that Plato invented the entire thing, including his acquisition of the tale from *Critias*. A second school believes that Atlantis was Minoan Crete; this idea, born of a letter in *The Times* from Mr K.T. Frost in 1909 following Sir Arthur Evans's discoveries at Knossos, has in recent decades been adapted to embrace the discoveries on Thera, where a volcanic destruction similar to that mentioned by Plato took place.

Beyond the gravities of academe are those who truly believe in a sunken mid-Atlantic continent. Dr Zangger believes, however, that even Plato came to realise that the legend of Atlantis reflected ancient Troy, then some eight centuries back in time. "At that point he abandoned the *Critias* in mid-sentence near the conclusion of the description of Atlantis, because he did not intend to glorify a place in Anatolia so shortly after the Persian War," he says. This proposal is likely to arouse the ire of classicists as much as his archaeological reasoning may make their colleagues think again about the relationship between myth, legend, history, and the interpretation of what can be dug up from the ground.

Source: *Oxford Journal of Archaeology* 12: 77-87.

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Mr Christopher Sedgwick, of Rawtenstall, Lancashire, left estate valued at £242,111 net.

He left his entire estate to the Salvation Army.

Hilray Bertha Sinnard, of Cambridge, late Deputy Principal of Homerton College, Cambridge, left estate valued at £395,854 net.

She left £1,100 and her books to personal legatees, and the residue to Homerton College to be used for prizes of books to persons obtaining first class honours degrees.

The Sovereign's Parade

King Husain of Jordan took The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on April 8.

The following have been granted commissions in the Regiments and Corps shown, having successfully completed Standard Military Course No 922.

The Sword of Honour was won by Second Lieutenant (Senior Under Officer) E.J.P. Flute, and The Queen's Medal was won by Cdt Cpl G.G. Candlish.

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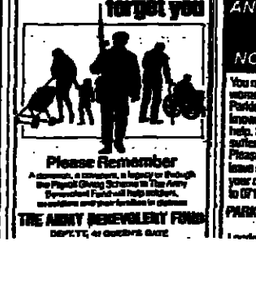
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OBITUARIES

CHRIS HANI

Martin Thembisile (Chris) Hani, general secretary of the South African Communist Party and a member of the African National Congress national executive committee, was assassinated outside his home in Boksburg, Transvaal, on April 10 aged 50. He was born at Cofimvaba, Transkei, on June 28, 1942.



SOON after returning to South Africa in 1990 after 27 years' exile, Chris Hani delivered what many might consider to be his own epitaph. "I've lived with death for most of my life," he said in a newspaper interview. "I want to live in a free South Africa... even if I have to lay down my life for it." But for others of his countrymen, particularly many whites, his recent statements condemning black-on-white killings was a belated conversion to peaceful change by a man who directed the ANC's guerrilla campaign in South Africa in the mid-1980s.

Hani had a powerful following among militants who oppose power sharing with de Klerk's white government. As leader of the Communist party, Hani had considerable influence in the ANC, whose top ranks include many Communists. He argued that the failure of communism in Europe had little relevance in South Africa where western style private enterprise had done little to raise the black community out of poverty. At times he seemed at odds with the more moderate approach adopted by Nelson Mandela, the president of the ANC. Hani's guerrilla background and commitment to communism made him a hero to young blacks who consider the ANC's older leaders too yielding to the white-led government and he was widely regarded as a possible heir to Mandela. He was the most popular candidate for the ANC's national executive at the party's congress in 1991 and was perhaps the biggest attraction at rallies and meetings across the country.

For years he had been portrayed by the government as one of the ANC's main "bogeymen" — a notoriety he accepted with good grace — and he enhanced this reputation when he first returned to South Africa under temporary indemnity from prosecution by declaring that, despite the launching of constitutional talks to end apartheid, a seizure of power could not be ruled out. Some of his most militant statements were delivered standing on platforms next to Mrs Winnie Mandela, the estranged wife of Nelson Mandela, as head of its armed wing, Umkonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation) — known by the initials MK. Their joint appeal to black youth, unschooled and unemployable after years of township upheaval, was powerful and regarded as dangerous by many inside as well as outside the ANC. Right wingers put a price on his head.

In recent weeks, however, Hani had called for reconciliation. Only days before his death he said that violence was hampering efforts to arrange the country's first election that would include blacks.

The conversion from hardliner to peace-maker was, in fact, gradual. In December 1991, Hani took over as general secretary of the SACP from Joe Slovo, in spite of objections by the ANC and its military wing, and the fiery rhetoric began to be replaced by criticism of the involvement in violence of ANC and SACP members. Hani called for a reappraisal of the control of township self-defence units, some of which, he said, were running wild among the communities they were supposed to protect. In April last year he quit as MK chief of staff.

He claimed not to be ambitious for personal power and recently said he preferred to be a political gadfly on the outside, criticising and prodding the government. When the ANC won power, he said, they might "jail the likes of me" as a troublemaker.

Chris Hani was a man of intellectual dynamism, a Latin scholar who loved the works of Shakespeare, Keats and Shelley "to help me fly away from the trials and troubles of this world." One of six children of impoverished parents he wanted at first, after attending a Catholic primary school in Transkei, to become a priest but his father opposed the idea and took him away.

He joined the ANC Youth League at high school and went on to Fort Hare University at Alice in the Eastern Cape province from which he was suspended for political activities. He graduated from the predominantly white Rhodes University in Grahamstown in Latin and English and in 1962, two years after the banning of the ANC, joined Umkonto we Sizwe and soon became part of the leadership.

Within months he was arrested under the Suppression of Communism Act, sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment but released on bail pending an appeal. When the appeal was turned down the following year he fled the country and joined other ANC exiles undergoing military training in the Soviet Union.

By the mid-1960s he had risen to the rank of commissar and saw action for the first time in the Rhodesian war fighting with MK units on the side of Joshua Nkomo's ZAPU guerrillas. But he was arrested in neighbouring Botswana where he served two years of a six-year prison sentence for possessing weapons of war before being freed on parole.

In 1974, aged 32, he became the youngest national executive committee member of the ANC and was instructed to enter South Africa to establish a political infrastructure in the Cape province. He set up headquarters in independent Lesotho from where he directed guerrilla operations and continually infiltrated into South Africa.

Two attempts were made to assassinate him there in 1981. A bomb was placed under his car in Maseru, the Lesotho capital, but discovered before he got into the car, and shortly afterwards South African troops attacked ANC homes in Maseru killing 49 people. A statement was issued in Pretoria claiming that his wife had been killed but she survived and Hani, himself, was abroad at the time.

He was recalled to ANC headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, where he was appointed army political commissar and deputy commander of MK and in 1983 was involved in the suppression of mutinies in MK training camps in Angola. But he always denied that he participated in the arrests, killings and torture that followed and which continue to be a matter of controversy inside and outside the ANC. The ANC has carried out its own investigations into the affair but so far has refused to name those responsible.

In 1987 Hani took over from Joe Slovo as MK chief of staff, with responsibility for its day-to-day operations and in South Africa his already fearsome reputation grew.

Of a wave of terrorist bomb attacks which claimed both white and black victims he said: "Our intention is to make them (white South Africans) see. When they are maimed and in hospital others will visit them and say: 'This is the price of apartheid.'"

"A few blacks were maimed in a land mine blast in the Eastern Transvaal. Their response was: 'I am sorry I lost a leg but I know the action was not intended for me.' "

On his return to South Africa Hani went to live first in Transkei but moved last year into a modest home in Boksburg, east of Johannesburg, a town which became infamous in the late 1980s for its attempts to reintroduce petty apartheid but which was better suited to his position as one of the key figures in the constitutional negotiations for the ANC and the SACP.

He was popular among his white neighbours who were among the first to try to go to his aid after he was shot.

Chris Hani is survived by his wife, Limpho, and three daughters.

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De Ramsey, whose family motto is "Patience and Perseverance with Magnanimity", was determined to improve matters. He studied farming in Denmark, France and Germany (becoming fluent in the latter two languages) and qualified as a land agent in England.

In 1933, he settled at the family seat — the charming 18th-century Abbots Ripton Hall, six miles from Huntingdon — which, with its 6,000 acres, comprised the bulk of his estate. Two-thirds of the hedgerows on the land duly came out and fields were enlarged to accommodate modern harvesting machinery. As very little livestock was held, those hedges that remained (there are now around 15 miles of hedges on the estate) were there purely for visual appeal.

Although he was a modest man who disliked public speaking, de Ramsey quickly took his place in county life, being elected to Huntingdonshire County Council in his late twenties, and becoming an alderman of it, the youngest in England.

He served in the Herts Yeomanry, a field artillery regiment, in the 1930s and was made a captain in the Royal Artillery during the second world war, but was captured by the Japanese after the fall of Singapore in 1942.

He spent the rest of the war in Changi Jail where he was made to look after the pigs, an animal on which he became something of an expert. De Ramsey was convinced that, by the time the atomic bomb was dropped — resulting in the immediate relief of Singapore — he and many of his friends could have survived for no more than two or three weeks. Once recovered, he threw himself back into farming, experimenting with the most progressive methods. Not only did he own one of the earliest combine harvesters, he also spent considerable sums on land drainage and on reservoirs for irrigation. His knowledge of pigs was to stand him in good stead during his time on the Pig Reorganisation Commission, established in 1955 to look at the bacon market. He loved the village of Abbots Ripton and took pains to keep it not only beautiful but comfortable for its inhabitants, being one of the first to modernise his workers' cottages. He was re-elected to the county council after the war and in 1947 was appointed as Lord Lieutenant of the county, a position he was to hold for 21 years.

In 1963 he was appointed president of the Country Landowners Association, the influential "trade union" for landed gentry. De Ramsey also acted as the Minister of Agriculture's liaison officer for the eastern counties. In 1974 he was appointed KBE for his services to agriculture and received the Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Agriculture.

A humorous man, de Ramsey was popular with his tenants, so a well-publicised argument with them in 1967 came as a surprise. Having



failed to increase rents for some years, his agents claimed that a rise was long overdue and promptly doubled some of the rents on the land overnight. A compromise was eventually reached.

De Ramsey enjoyed skiing, fly-fishing and shooting. He was a joint master of the Fitzwilliam Hunt for years, and continued to ride over his farm until he was 73, when his health began to fail. He loved animals and, perhaps prompted by his wartime experience, was once awarded a bronze medal by the RSPCA after rescuing a litter of pigs from a burning barn on his estate only seconds before the flaming thatched roof collapsed. He was a keen gardener, who served as a governor of Kew Gardens, and took pride in creating a garden of international repute at Abbots Ripton. He was also well-read, particularly in Russian literature, his favourite author being Turgenev.

In 1937 he married Lilah Labouchere who died in 1987. They had two daughters and two sons. His eldest son and heir, John Fellowes, is now himself president of the Country Landowners Association.

JESS YATES

Jess Yates, former television personality and producer, died on Good Friday in Llandudno Hospital, North Wales, aged 74. He was born in Manchester on December 12, 1918.



STARS on Sunday, the religious television programme which Jess Yates devised and presented in the early 1970s — until brought down by a scandal — was the most popular religious programme ever seen on British television. The ingenious "soft sell" format of celebrities reading from the Bible and singing semi-religious songs attracted more than 17 million viewers at its peak. Rival programmes, offering the more conventional programme content of hymns and sermons, attracted only a tiny fraction of that figure. Yates had his critics, though. He was dubbed "The Bishop" because of what was often described as his sanctimonious presentational style. However, the faithful disagreed and were writing him up to 2,500 personal fan letters a week.

Yates not only devised and presented the show but acted as accompanist on the electric organ. And the star names he was able to coax into appearing read like the bill for a Royal Command Performance, some of them making regular appearances: Sir John Gielgud, Yehudi Menuhin, Princess Grace of Monaco, James Mason, Gracie Fields, Deborah Kerr, Sandie Shaw, Harry Secombe, Cliff Richard, Eartha Kitt, Violet Carson and Earl Mountbatten were just a few of the legion.

Stars On Sunday was just one of his many successes. As Yorkshire Television's head of children's programmes and executive producer, he was responsible for three other popular ITV networked programmes of the 1970s. These were *Junior Showtime*, *Boy Dominic* and *Masters of Melody*. He once calculated that he worked a hundred hours a week and in the varying roles of producer, director, writer and presenter, made over a thousand shows in a flourishing career that was abruptly cut short by scandal.

In 1974 the *News of the World* ran the headline "The Bishop and The Actress" over a story saying that Yates was having an affair with a showgirl 31 years his junior. At the time he was married to Heller Toren, an actress, former beauty queen and writer of erotic novels, but they had been living apart for many years.

The story of his relationship with an actress, Anita Kay, was taken up by other newspapers. The prolonged publicity resulted in the termination of his £10,000-a-year contract by Yorkshire TV and, as he was to claim sometimes bitterly throughout the rest of his life, he was never again able to work regularly in television.

Jess Yates, the father of television presenter Paula Yates who is married to singer Bob Geldof, lived in Manchester until he was five when his family moved to North Wales. Musically minded, he became interested in the world of entertainment and for 14 years earned his living as a cinema organist. He later moved into television and helped to produce such BBC shows as *Come Dancing*, *The Good Old Days* and *Miss World* before moving to Yorkshire. It was in 1969 that he first became a national figure as the presenter of *Stars On Sunday*.

He was also a pioneer of the video tape, using it to stockpile celebrity spots to be inserted into his programme as and when he chose. He paid his stars the then Equity minimum rate of £49 per item recorded at Yorkshire's studio in Leeds. Sir John Gielgud, for one, was very happy with the arrangement, remarking, after being paid for doing 20 separate Bible readings in one session, that the total fee was the biggest he had ever earned for a morning's work.

What made the enormous success of Yates's *Stars On Sunday* even more remarkable was that the above-the-line cost was only £1,000 for each half-hour, at a time when a typical variety show was costing £60,000.

The programme was never out of the news even before his own fall from grace. Publicity ranged from his ingenuity in mounting 1,000-voice choirs to the real-life clergy protesting when Yates employed in his programme pop singer Lovelace Watkins, who, it transpired, had a pregnant girlfriend in Salford and a wife in Holland. Yates was well aware that some viewers thought his method of presenting the show too pious.

But 16 years after his professional demise he was still expressing bewilderment over the minor scandal from which, he said: "There seems to be no release." He always insisted on the innocence of his relationship with Anita Kay — holding hands over fish and chip suppers. Their friendship continued for a number of years before they drifted apart. She is now married with children and living in Australia.

Referring to her nubile physique, he once remarked: "If Anita had been plain and thin no one would have bothered." His marriage to Heller Toren, mother of Paula, was dissolved in 1975. They were married at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno in 1958.

After his dismissal by Yorkshire — he claimed his office was dismantled to become part of a corridor and his practice piano burnt — he applied to other television companies for work but without success. Most of them said that at fifty-something, he was too old. Meanwhile *Stars On Sunday* continued for another five years without him at the helm before being replaced by *Your Hundred Best Hymns*.

Yates's further employment was sporadic. He went back to his electric organ when he could, playing at coastal resorts including a season at Scarborough in 1981. The previous year he had published his autobiography, *It Happened On A Sunday*. He was the occasional guest on other people's TV shows and he also became a successful after dinner speaker.

However his ambition to return to his first love, television, was never to happen. Yates lived at the family home at Ro Wen in the Conway Valley in North Wales. In addition to state benefits he had a pension from Yorkshire Television of £22 a week. He is survived by his daughter Paula and his mother, Mrs Sybil Yates, who is 102 next month.

MICHAEL MORLEY-JOHN

Michael Morley-John, CBE, RD, former judge of a Supreme Court, Hong Kong, died on April 2 aged 69. He was born on May 22, 1923.



INVALIDED out of the Army during the war with a back complaint, Michael Morley-John promptly volunteered for the Royal Air Force. He next found himself being trained for special duties, to operate behind enemy lines inside Malaya.

He was saved from this fate, however, by the complexities of the Japanese language. When he failed to come up to scratch in his language course, the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, gently told him that he was probably too old at 21 to reach the required standard of proficiency. So he had to settle after all for a desk in London, working for RAF intelligence until the war ended. When he made it eventually to the Far East six years later, it was in very different circumstances.

The son of a dental surgeon, he had been born in Bristol but soon moved with his family to Bath where he grew up. He then went from Wycliffe College to Bristol University to read law but, like so many of his contemporaries, he was called up in the middle of his degree course.

He completed his LLB after the war, was called to the Bar at Grays Inn in 1950 and then started work as a young barrister in Bournemouth. But with briefs earning £2 a time — hardly enough to cover his train fares on the western circuit — he decided to join the colonial legal service to make money. He was sent to Hong Kong as a Crown counsel and spent the rest of his career in the colony, becoming director of public prosecutions in 1961, acting solicitor-general, 1966-67, then a district judge. He was made a judge of the Supreme Court 30 years ago, spending 1974 working in Brunei.

He was technically described as a puisne judge, but the Chinese were said to confuse the term with the word "puny" so the title was judiciously abandoned.

Morley-John was a well-liked, humane judge of conservative views who was troubled by divorce cases and took great care over the interests of the children. His other great concern, however, was over drug-taking. He became extremely knowledgeable on the subject, attending international seminars in Thailand and Europe.

Poor health prompted his early retirement in 1978, when he returned to this country, moving eventually to the Hampshire coast. There he busied himself with voluntary work, joining the Hampshire Police Authority and becoming a member of his parish council. He learnt to sail while a junior advocate at Bournemouth and took part in the Fastnet race. He later belonged to the Royal Ocean Racing Club and the Bar Yacht Club, among others. While in Hong Kong, he also rose to the rank of acting commander in the Royal Naval Reserve and held the Royal Navy and Royal Marine Forces Decoration.

His other interests included philately and dogs.

Michael Morley-John is survived by his wife, the former Sheila Christine Majendie, whom he married in 1951, and by a son and a daughter.

RAKHMON NABIYEV

Rakhmon Nabiyev, the former Communist president of Tajikistan who was forced from office by pro-Islamic militants, died of a heart attack in Khudzhand on April 10 aged 63.

A PROTEGE of the former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, Rakhmon Nabiyev was ousted from his post as Communist party leader in Tajikistan after Mikhail Gorbachev took power in 1985.

But Nabiyev made a comeback after the failed August 1991 coup attempt against Gorbachev. First, he was elected speaker of parliament and then president of Tajikistan, the poorest of the former Soviet republics. But his rule was almost immediately threatened by an alliance of pro-democracy and pro-Islamic groups that flourished in the chaos surrounding the collapse of communist power and finally the Soviet Union itself.

Nabiyev was born in the village of Shaiburkhan in northern Tajikistan and began his working life on a collective farm. He joined the Communist party in 1961 and never abandoned its ideals.

After his resignation, he lived quietly and did not engage in public activities. The Tajik parliament provided him with a house, a personal car and bodyguards.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Dante Gabriel Rossetti died on Sunday evening, at Birchington-on-Sea, near Margate, where he had been staying some weeks for the improvement of his health. Mr. Rossetti was born in London in May, 1828, the son of Gabriel Rossetti, the famous Italian poet and Dante scholar, who had come to England as a refugee after the Neapolitan revolution in 1821. He showed artistic gifts at a very early age, and for a short time became a pupil of the Royal Academy. His first important picture was entitled "Mary's Girlhood," with one exception, the only work ever exhibited in London by the painter. Another early work, a triptych called "The Seed of David," is in the Cathedral of Llandaff. Mr. Rossetti's name became familiar to the public in connexion with the so-called Pre-Raphaelite movement, a style of painting founded essentially upon the early Florentine school, in combination with a strict adherence to nature, and strongly opposed to the platitudes of academic art as practised in those days. The revival of mediaevalism, initiated by such men as Mr. Madox-Brown, in whose studio Mr. Rossetti worked for some time, Mr. Millais, Mr. Holman Hunt, and later on Mr. Burne Jones, has exercised a profound influence on English art ... The worship of the great Italian poet was with Mr. Rossetti hereditary, and from the "Divine Comedy" and the "*Vita Nuova*" some of his finest pictorial ideas were derived. The large picture of Dante's vision of the dead Beatrice, recently purchased by the Liverpool Corporation, belongs to this class of subjects, and deserves, by its elaboration and deep poetic import, to be classed among the artist's finest works.

He was as pictorial a poet as he was a poetic painter. His first literary effort also was inspired by Dante. It took the form of a collection of translations from "The early Italian poets, from Ciullo d'Alcamo to Dante Alighieri, together with Dante's "*Vita Nuova*", published in 1861, and re-issued under the title of "Dante and his Circle" in 1874. Both the spirit and form of the originals are rendered with marvellous fidelity, the translator's skills being shown in the prose portions of the "*Vita Nuova*," perhaps even more brilliantly than in the sonnets and canzoni. Mr. Rossetti's first original volume of "Poems" was published in 1870 and at once established his reputation. The pictorial beauty of "The Blessed Damozel," the dramatic force of "Sister Helen," a ballad of genuine popular ring, the deep pathos of "Jenny," and the profound symbolism of the sonnets could not fail to impress all lovers of serious poetry, while the rhythmical charm of the shorter lyrics was as music in the ear ...

Mr. Rossetti waited ten years before publishing a second volume of poems which in many respects evinced even greater and more fully matured powers than the first. Of this book, entitled "Ballads and Sonnets," we have recently spoken and need, therefore, not return to it, beyond expressing the opinion that some of the poems are likely to rank with the best poetic work of our time ...

ON THIS DAY

April 12 1882

Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1828 - 1882), poet and painter, with John Everett Millais and William Holman Hunt, formed the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood of artists. In The Times *obituary there appears to be no mention of the "stunner", Elizabeth Siddal, Rossetti's model and later his wife.*

NEWS

Violence follows Hani killing

■ Violence erupted in South Africa after the killing of the Communist party leader Chris Hani on Saturday. President F W de Klerk, Nelson Mandela and other opposition leaders appealed for calm after the assassination, as a black man was killed during a clash with police in Soweto.

Mr de Klerk said that charges were being prepared against the man arrested in connection with Hani's murder. He said justice had to be done quickly ..... **Pages 1, 11, 17**

Talks raise hope of Irish deal

■ Secret talks between John Hume, leader of the SDLP, and Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, in Londonderry on Saturday have excited speculation that a possible deal between the government and the IRA — leading to a ceasefire — is under discussion ..... **Pages 1, 14**

Patten plea

John Patten appealed to parents to persuade their children's teachers against a boycott of summer tests, claiming a hidden union agenda to stop the national curriculum. Teachers are threatening to follow the boycott with strikes over pay and class sizes ..... **Pages 1, 2, 15**

Prison meeting

A meeting between the head of the prison service and Group 4 has been brought forward amid ministerial alarm at a series of escapes during the first week of the private security firm's prison escort service ..... **Page 3**

Artistic divide

The new £3.3 million Tate gallery to open in St Ives in June has split the town between those who welcome the boost to tourism and those who would have preferred the money to be spent on housing and jobs ..... **Page 5**

Rotting beach

Four thousand tons of rotting potatoes buried beneath Beauport Bay, Jersey, are being blamed for one of Britain's cleanest beaches failing EC hygiene tests. The surplus potatoes were buried last year ..... **Page 5**

Fire escape

As Windsor Castle prepares for a record Easter Monday crowd, a fire chief has explained for the first time how close the entire castle came to burning down as last November's blaze threatened to spread ..... **Page 8**

Funny money

Faked banknotes have started to appear in increasing numbers as criminals take advantage of modern technology ..... **Page 7**

Bosnia flight ban

More than 50 Nato planes are to begin patrolling the airspace over Bosnia today, enforcing a United Nations flight ban. The leader of the rebel Serbs said that one or more of the aircraft could be shot down ..... **Page 9**

Karadzic attacked

The wife of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, has launched a vitriolic attack on Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, saying: "As far as I know he has not been given the mandate to speak in the name of all Serbs" ..... **Page 9**

Italian vote

Italy has begun the final sprint towards a referendum on Sunday expected to overhaul their electoral system. Polls say most plan to vote for a first-past-the-post system that would increase the chances of parties alternating in power ..... **Page 10**

Mandela rebuke

Nelson Mandela reproached Hernus Kriel, the South African law and order minister, for failing to protect Chris Hani, the Communist leader assassinated in his driveway on Saturday. ANC leaders said that a number of attempts had been made on Hani's life, but the ministry had not reacted ..... **Pages 1, 11, 17**

Church leaders urge moral revival

■ Church leaders pleaded in their Easter messages for an end to war, internecine strife and a return to morality based on Christian belief. The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a powerful sermon, fastened on the symbolism of the resurrection to call for a new moral order, in which Christian values would underpin national life ..... **Pages 1, 14**



Pointing the way: Sikh riders leading a procession through Southall, west London, yesterday to celebrate Baisakhi, the spring festival. It also commemorates the foundation of the Khalsa brotherhood of Sikhs in 1699, setting codes of behaviour and dress

SPORT

Motor racing: Ayrton Senna won a bewildering game of chance with fleeting April showers and a confused host of fellow drivers in the European Grand Prix at Donington. Britain's Damon Hill was second ..... **Page 19**

Football: David Speedie scored two goals as West Ham United beat Leicester City 3-0 to maintain their strong bid for promotion to the Premier League ..... **Page 27**

Golf: The Masters in Augusta will be 60 years old next year. David Miller celebrates a tournament that has captured the imagination of the world and "has long been the genesis for every serious player's season" ..... **Page 21**

BUSINESS

Harrods offer: The Fayed brothers have turned down a £300 million offer to buy the House of Fraser department store chain from its management, saying the price was too low ..... **Page 36**

Roxburghe hope: Accountants examining the books of Roxburghe Bank, which went into administration at the end of last week, are hopeful that depositors might have access to some of the funds within the next few weeks ..... **Page 36**

Oil move: The oil producers' cartel Opec is attempting to stop members from boosting their income by secretly breaking agreed production quotas. Iran denied that it had been over-producing ..... **Page 33**

FEATURES

Fine nosh: Teaching children to enjoy the ancient culinary traditions has become a priority for French education. More than that, good cuisine and the frequenting of restaurants have become politically correct ..... **Page 12**

Split personality: Design seems to be suffering a mild schizophrenia — but the division is more apparent than real. Iain R. Webb reports on the dilemma that fashion is facing ..... **Page 13**

EDUCATION

Jolly jaunts: School trips have become an area of confusion. David Tytler looks at changing attitudes to outings ..... **Page 32**

ARTS

Deifying or debunking? An exhibition in Venice fosters the impression that the art guru Marcel Duchamp was no more than a humorist ..... **Page 29**

Pointed views: A messy television portrait of Daphne du Maurier and an analysis of a classic French painting lead Lynne Truss to the conclusion that we all look at art and see ourselves ..... **Page 29**

BOOKS

Myths and masters: Two studies of the scientific theory and occult belief that supported Nazism; poems by Séan Haldane and Sebastian Barker; the latest novel by Sean French; paperbacks ..... **Page 31**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Greta Garbo's private letters show that she was not happy being alone. The letters are expected to make £30,000 when auctioned in June
Page 7



Salman Rushdie's meeting with John Major, confirmed yesterday, has been dismissed by some Tory MPs as "a thoroughly bad idea"
Page 2



Mikhail Gorbachev has displayed new-found entrepreneurial skills on a five-day American tour that is likely to earn him about £80,000
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Beating the law

■ Who can still hit children, and how hard? Chris Barton discusses the law on corporal punishment

From Jersey to Japan

■ A herd of Jersey cows roaming around the Japanese island of Hokkaido is proving an English tea room's salvation. Kate Alderson explains why

Science in arcadia

■ Nigel Hawkes meets Tom Stoppard, whose *Arcadia*, which "celebrates scientific ideas in a way which is unusual, if not unique", opens at the National Theatre tomorrow

TV LISTING

A special from the *Wildlife on Life* team reveals how the brown hare is the mythical source for both the Easter bunny and the Easter egg (BBC1, 7pm) ..... **Page 35**

OPINION

UN stink

The Arabs are using their influence to deny Israel the right to play a proper role in implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention — and the West is cravenly following suit ..... **Page 15**

Class wars

Political interest may centre on the fate of next term's tests: the education argument needs a rather longer perspective ..... **Page 15**

Latin lovers

It is still an elitist paradox that teaching of the classics now flourishes in the independent schools, but struggles to survive in the state system ..... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

The expressions of moral outrage which follow the news of any particular atrocity constitute for Sinn Fein-IRA a potential resource, which need only be handled adroitly to pay political dividend. When President Clinton sent his message to the bereaved at Warrington, what he intended as a repudiation of the IRA was seen by their supporters (and that more numerous body, their half-supporters) as internationalising the question of Northern Ireland ..... **Page 14**

MATTHEW PARRIS

The propensity of my countrymen to discuss their church instead of discussing the reason for it — to discuss their religion in isolation from any consideration of the existence of a deity — has always amazed me. I wonder whether, perhaps, I have missed something obvious: whether part of my brain is absent ..... **Page 14**

LETTERS

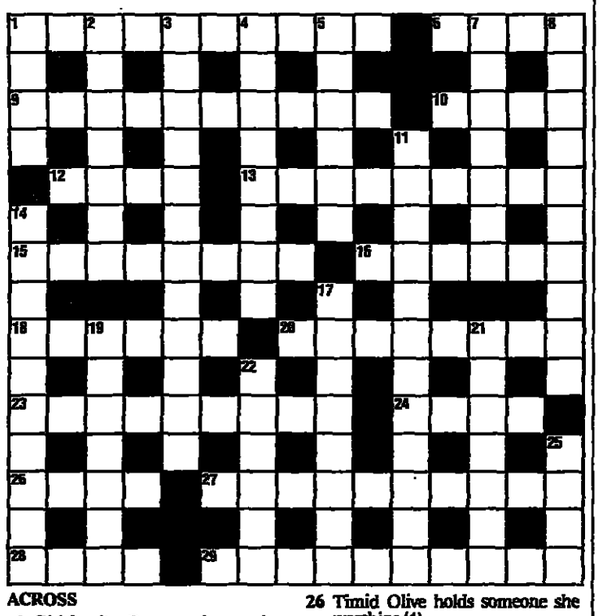
A correspondent bemoans bureaucratic decisions depriving our lives of fun ..... **Page 15**

THE PAPERS

Last week the Clinton administration announced that would give "full consideration" to using Russian equipment in designing a smaller, more affordable space station. Finding a way to include the Russians would be good for the space programme — and even better for the Russians

— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,202



ACROSS

1 Girl in city, Rome perhaps, who has no significance (10).
6 See the clumsy fellow about a smear (4).
9 Protest against one put in to devalue here (10).
10 Employer takes a course in the City (4).
12 You and I go to some length to have a yarn (4).
13 Flirtation leads to many a marriage (9).
15 Ran down without end of stocksbeing noticed (8).
16 Shouts for toast (6).
18 Matriarchy one found in Africa? (6).
20 Very good appearance to find in a vegetable (8).
23 I ac strikes tinny note (9).
24 Dickensian nurse becomes state representative (4).
26 Timid Olive holds someone she worships (4).
27 The last Asians, perhaps, to be aggressors (10).
28 River bird (4).
29 Young person gets a small share in the rise (10).

DOWN

1 Highland gathering wins a point for style (4).
2 Downgrade journalist upset by his colleagues (7).
3 Giving runs away causing defeat (12).
4 Haulier with branches throughout Greenland (8).
5 Bird's unfinished chatter (6).
7 Seaman has the feeling, say, that it promotes love (7).
8 The sort of music for the hairdressers' ball (6-4).
11 Strange things I glean from these songsters (12).
14 Woman worker in pit that is not yielding (10).
17 Local government makes one all itchy (4,4).
19 Did he have an inn in Nebraska? (7).
21 Candidate's not claiming ownership in Scotland, note (7).
22 Charge around like English under the influence (6).
25 Afterthought — the way it's said to attract attention (4).

PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,201 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

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WEATHER

Much of Scotland will be cloudy with some rain. The more north-western parts, the far north-east and northern isles should be quite sunny and mostly dry. Northern Ireland will be rather cloudy with some rain. England and Wales apart from northeast England and Cumbria will have sunny spells but also showers, some of which could be heavy. Remaining areas will be cloudy with rain at times. Outlook: remaining unsettled.

EUROPE

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Luxor	31	88	s
Akrotiri	18	64	s	Madrid	14	57	f
Alex'dria	18	64	s	Majorca	19	66	f
Algiers	21	70	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Amst'dm	10	50	r	Malta	22	72	s
Athens	16	61	f	Melb'rne	27	81	f
Bahrain	28	79	s	Miami*	24	75	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Milan	10	50	s
Barcelna	18	64	f	Montreal*	8	46	c
Beirut	15	59	f	Moscow	1	34	sn
Belgrade	11	52	f	Munich	8	46	r
Berlin	7	45	s	Naples	16	61	c
Bermuda*	23	73	f	N Delhi	32	90	f
Biarritz	13	55	f	N York*	18	64	c
Borde'x	10	50	c	Nice	15	59	s
Brussels	13	55	f	Oslo	8	46	s
Budapst	10	50	s	Paris	11	52	c
B Aires*	27	81	s	Peking	14	57	s
Cairo	22	72	s	Perth	19	66	c
Cape Tn	13	55	r	Prague	10	50	s
Chicago*	14	57	s	Reykjavik	7	45	s
Ch'church	11	52	c	Rhodes	16	61	s
Cologne	9	48	r	Rio de J	24	75	f
C'phagn	7	45	s	Riyadh	31	88	f
Corfu	12	54	r	Rome	17	63	c
Dublin	8	46	c	Salzburg	4	39	r
Dubrovnik	13	55	r	S Frisco*	16	61	s
Faro	18	64	f	Santiago*	22	72	s
Florence	13	55	r	Seoul	9	48	c
Frankfurt	8	46	r	Sing'por	32	90	f
Funchal	18	64	c	St'kholm	6	43	s
Geneva	12	54	f	Strasb'rg	14	57	f
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Sydney	22	72	s
Helsinki	5	41	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Hong K	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	19	66	f
Innsbruck	9	48	r	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	14	57	s	Tokyo	13	55	c
Jeddah	31	88	s	Toronto*	6	46	c
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Tunis	27	81	s
Karachi	31	88	s	Valencia	20	68	f
L Palmas	20	68	c	Venice*	9	48	c
Le Touet	13	55	f	Venice	11	52	c
Lisbon	16	61	f	Vienna	5	41	r
Locarno	12	54	f	Warsaw	4	39	c
London	11	52	c	Wash'ton*	15	59	f
L Angels*	19	66	f	Wel'ton	15	59	f
Luxembg	11	52	c	Zurich	10	50	f

* denotes figures are latest available

YESTERDAY

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.24in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.8hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6pm, 999.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHS AND LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Newcastle upon Tyne, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Tain Range, Highland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, 1.16in; highest sunshine: Morecambe, Lancashire, 10.3hr.

WIND

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.10in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.4hr.

RAIN

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, —1C (30F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.2hr.

UK

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.1	1.16	10	50	rain
Anglesey	9.0	0.03	13	55	sunny
Aviemore	2.4	0.03	11	52	bright
Belfast	9.6	-	13	55	sunny
Birmingham	8.5	-	14	57	sunny
Bognor Regis	5.3	-	11	52	bright
Bournemouth	2.5	-	11	52	bright
Bristol	4.1	-	13	55	sunny
Buxton	8.9	0.25	12	54	sunny
Cardiff	2.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Clacton	7.8	0.05	11	52	sunny
Colwyn Bay	10.2	0.05	10	50	sunny
Edinburgh	7.5	0.28	13	55	bright
Eskdalemuir	6.1	0.28	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	0.4	0.05	10	50	rain
Falmouth	1.9	0.04	12	54	shower
Folkestone	8.3	0.06	12	54	sunny
Glasgow	4.8	0.03	11	52	sunny
Guernsey	2.2	0.07	11	52	drizzle
Hastings	6.9	-	12	54	bright
Hunstanton	8.3	-	13	55	sunny
Isle Of Man	10.1	-	10	50	sunny
Kinloss	0.7	0.04	12	54	shower
Leeds	7.3	0.13	15	59	sunny
Lerwick	2.2	0.01	6	43	bright
Littlehampton	5.7	-	11	52	sunny
Liverpool	9.7	0.06	13	55	sunny
London	8.2	0.09	14	57	sunny
Lowestoft	9.0	0.21	13	55	sunny
Manchester	9.4	0.10	14	57	sunny
Margate	8.5	0.04	12	54	sunny
Minehead	1.2	0.01	13	55	cloudy
Morecambe	10.3	0.14	11	52	sunny
Newcastle	6.7	0.47	15	59	sunny
Newquay	2.1	-	11	52	shower
Nottingham	9.1	0.03	14	57	sunny
Penzance	1.7	0.09	11	52	shower
Plymouth	1.8	0.16	11	52	rain
Poole	2.6	-	11	52	bright
Salcombe	-	0.07	10	50	shower
Sandown	3.1	-	11	52	bright
Staunton Grd	0.7	-	13	55	cloudy
Scarborough	8.5	0.42	12	54	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.0	0.25	12	54	rain
Southend	9.1	0.07	12	54	sunny
Southsea	3.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Stornoway	-	0.06	9	48	shower
Teignmouth	1.0	0.09	10	50	rain
Tenby	3.6	-	11	52	bright
Tiree	2.6	0.07	11	52	cloudy
Torquay		0.09	10	50	shower
Weymouth	3.5	0.02	11	52	rain
Worthing	5.5	-	11	52	sunny

These are Saturday's figures

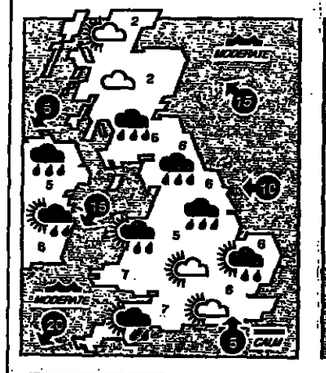
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Denmark Kr	10.02	9.22
Finland Mkk	9.43	8.63
France Fr	8.78	8.08
Germany Dm	2.59	2.39
Greece Dr	362.00	327.00
Hong Kong $	12.40	11.40
Ireland Pt	1.053	0.973
Italy Lira	2476.00	2320.00
Japan Yen	189.50	170.50
Netherlands Gld	2.82	2.60
Norway Kr	11.02	10.22
Portugal Esc	239.50	221.50
South Africa Rd	5.45	4.75
Spain Pta	182.00	169.00
Sweden Kr	12.17	11.37
Switzerland Fr	2.39	2.21
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Bristol 8.32 pm to 5.51 am
Edinburgh 8.43 pm to 5.45 am
Manchester 8.34 pm to 5.48 am
Penzance 8.41 pm to 6.06 am

Sun rises: 6.12 am — Sun sets: 7.52 pm
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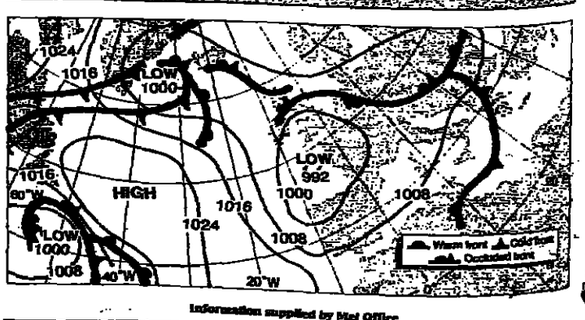
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Belfast	10	50	f	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'mingham	9	48	c	Inverness	7	45	r
Blackpool	9	48	f	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	10	50	r	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	9	48	r	M'chester	9	48	c
Edinburgh	7	45	c	Newcastle	6	43	c
Glasgow	10	50	f	R'nidleway	10	50	r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.25	7.0	6.42	6.6	Liverpool	3.34	8.7	4.04	8.2
Aberdeen	5.49	3.7	6.39	3.6	Lowestoft	2.00	2.3	2.09	2.2
Avonmouth	11.48	11.4	-	-	Margate	4.31	4.6	4.45	4.3
Belfast	3.39	3.2	4.21	3.1	Milford Haven	10.53	6.0	11 17	5.9
Cardiff	11.34	10.6	11.54	10.3	Newquay	9.48	6.0	10.13	6.0
Devonport	10.31	4.7	10.39	4.8	Oban	9.59	3.1	10.33	3.2
Dover	3.26	6.2	3.51	6.0	Penzance	9.41	4.7	9.49	4.8
Falmouth	10.01	4.5	10.09	4.6	Portland	11.09	1.6	11.27	-
Glasgow	5.11	4.6	5.30	4.3	Portsmouth	3.43	4.3	4.21	4.3
Harwich	4.17	3.8	4.34	3.5	Shoreham	3.21	5.8	3.57	5.5
Holyhead	2.44	5.1	3.22	4.7	Southampton	3.20	4.2	4.01	4.0
Hull	10.53	9.8	11.31	9.3	Swansea	10.56	8.2	11.20	8.1
Ilfracombe	10.35	7.9	10.57	7.8	Tees	8.17	4.9	9.01	4.7
King's Lynn	10.59	5.9	11.36	5.5	Wilton-on-Nze	4.14	4.0	4.31	3.7
Leith	7.25	4.9	8.02	4.8					

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English weather plays its part as European grand prix is decided in pit lanes of Donington Park

Slick Senna leaves rivals floundering

BY OLIVER HOLT

AYRTON Senna won a bewildering game of chance with fleeting April showers and a confused host of fellow drivers in the European Formula One grand prix yesterday to push himself further ahead in his invigorating early-season mastery over his Williams rivals.

In a race dominated by a continuous flurry of tyre-changes, the speed and regimentation of the mechanics was accorded almost equal importance as the courage and skill of the drivers. McLaren and Senna found the edge in both fields and came home comfortably ahead of Damon Hill and a dejected Alain Prost.

As the showers came and went, the drivers swapped wet tyres for dry, and then dry for wet. Regulations this season limit each car to seven sets of tyres per race weekend. Prost changed seven times yesterday alone, but in the later stops Williams reused the tyres he had earlier shed. By contrast, Johnny Herbert, who was fourth for the second consecutive race, changed only once.

The more the race went on, the more confusing, almost farcical, it became, some parts of the track bathed in drizzle, some lit more clearly where the cloud lightened. "At one point, I was just in disbelief," Hill, who added another fine second place to his runner's-up position in Brazil a fortnight ago, said. Once more, he returned a better result than his team-mate, Prost, confirming his ability as a driver who can cope with fluctuating conditions.

"I was laughing over the radio," he said. "There were umbrellas up on some parts of the course and on others it was clear. You just did not know what to do. It was mind bending. I just wanted to get out of there."

So Donington's first grand prix for more than 50 years was effectively decided in the pit lane.

After Senna had thrillingly gained the lead on the first lap, charging through from fourth place on the grid to overtake Schumacher, Hill and Prost, he maintained his advantage until midway through the race with a series of shrewdly-judged pit stops.

Then, on his third visit to the pit lane, on the 34th lap, time stood still as one mechanic struggled vainly with a stubborn rear tyre. Senna flipped his visor up in mounting irritation and by the time he roared away again, Prost had taken the lead.

But the Frenchman's distrust of wet conditions is just as legendary as Senna's relish for them. He never looked comfortable and entered the pits, prematurely, on the 38th lap to change to another change to wet tyres.

Senna gambled, stayed on his dry tyres, regained the lead and built it into a commanding margin which rose lap by lap. Victory was assured when Prost, confirming the success of Senna's ruse, returned to the pits to change back to dry tyres on the 48th lap and promptly stalled his engine.

As he emerged from the pits, he had to suffer the indignity of seeing Senna's flying McLaren-Ford tearing past, now more than a lap, and 1min 15sec, ahead. When Prost complained at the post-race press conference of problems with his tyre pressures, Senna leaned towards him, pointed at Hill and said: "Maybe you should have changed tyres with him."

After a couple of alarms, including one visit to the pit lane which had to be aborted when Senna realised his McLaren team was not ready, the Brazilian cruised to a deserved victory even allowing Hill to overtake him and so become the only driver not to finish more than a lap behind.

Senna was so overcome by his victory that he even allowed his normally philosophical reflections on life and racing to give way temporarily to soccer-style cliches. "I am over the moon," he said. "No one could ever have dreamed before the season that we could get two victories and a second place throughout the whole year, let alone in the first three races."

The Brazilian, of course, is still competing on a race-by-race basis, refusing to commit himself to McLaren in the longer term, and yesterday he enlarged on the reasons for his frustrations, pointing the finger firmly at Ford, whose engines power his car, and Benetton, whose agreement with Ford blocks the use of a more advanced engine by McLaren.

"The only real chance Ford has of winning a grand prix is with us," he said. "We have given them the two wins they have so far, not Benetton. The situation that Benetton is putting us in is ridiculous. It is absurd and I hope somebody at Ford will do something to change it very soon."

Andretti's torment, page 20

MARC ASPLAND



Home and dry: Senna celebrates his outstanding victory at Donington Park yesterday. Only Hill finished on the same lap after an afternoon of tireless comings and goings in the pits

RESULTS FROM DONINGTON

RESULTS: 1, A Senna (Br), McLaren Ford, 1hr 50min 46.570sec; 2, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault, 1min 23.199sec; 3, A Prost (Fr), Williams-Renault; 4, J Herbert (GB), Lotus Ford, both a lap behind; 5, R Patrese (It), Benetton Ford; 6, F Barbazza (It), Minardi Ford, two laps behind; 7, C Fittipaldi (Br), Minardi Ford, three laps behind; 8, A Zanardi (It), Lotus Ford; 9, E Comas (Fr), Larrousse Lamborghini, four laps behind; 10, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan Hart; 11, M Alboreto (It), Lola BMS Ferrari, six laps behind. Did not finish: 12, D Warwick (GB), Footwork Mugen Honda, 66 laps completed; 13, T Boutsen (Bel), Jordan Hart, 61 laps; 14, A De Cesaris (Tyrrell Yamaha), 55 laps; 15, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 38 laps; 16, A Suzuki (Japan), Footwork Mugen Honda, 29 laps; 17, P Alliot (Larrousse Lamborghini), 27 laps; 18, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton Ford, 22 laps; 19, M Blundell (GB), Ligier Renault, 20 laps; 20, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 19 laps; 21, J J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, 13 laps; 22, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell Yamaha, 11 laps; 23, M Brundle (Ligier Renault), 7 laps. Did not start (failed to complete one lap): K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber; A Andretti (US), McLaren-Ford.
Fastest lap: Senna, 1min 18.029sec (185km/h; 115.331mph).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, Senna, 26pts; 2, Prost, 14; 3, Hill, 12; equal 4, Blundell and Herbert, 6; 6, Schumacher, 4; 7, Fittipaldi, 3; equal 8, Lehto and Patrese, 2; equal 10, Berger, Zanardi and Barbazza. 1, Constructors: equal 1, Williams and McLaren, 26; 3, Lotus, 7; equal 4, Ligier and Benetton, 6; 6, Minardi, 4; 7, Sauber, 2; 8, Ferrari, 1.

QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, Prost, 1min 10.458secs; 2, Hill, 1.10.782; 3, Schumacher, 1:12.008; 4, Senna, 1:12.107; 5, Wendlinger, 1:12.736; 6, Andretti, 1:12.738; 7, Lehto, 1:12.783; 8, Berger, 1:12.982. 9, Alesi, 1:12.990; 10, Patrese, 1:12.982.

Caddie helps Faldo rediscover putting touch

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

IT WAS the perfect round for the final day of the Masters at Augusta National, yesterday. To climb the hill at the last to the acclamation of the crowd and to hole a putt for a birdie three and a 67 is the answer to most players' prayers. Unfortunately Nick Faldo, who did just that, was not a contender for the title.

Consecutive nines of 41, 39 and 40 on Friday and Saturday had seen to that. However, he had gone a long way towards rehabilitating the putting stroke that had destroyed his confidence and his chance of claiming a third Masters jacket.

"Today I remembered I can still play this game," he said. "Now I'll go home and play with the kids for three weeks and work on my putting, to make sure I have it right for the US Open at Baltusrol. I changed a few little things and that helped."

One of the things that had been causing him problems was his alignment, and yesterday he reverted to the routine, frowned on by some but perfectly within the rules, of having Sunesson, his caddie, hunker down behind him until she is sure the putter and Faldo himself are aiming in the right direction. Then Sunesson scurries off to one side and her boss, they hope, holes out. Yesterday, it worked well as he took only 13 putts on the first nine, and three of those were at the fourth.

On a perfect Easter Sunday morning, still and sunny, the Open champion, playing in the first pair for the second consecutive day (only the odd man out, paired with a non-competing marker, preceded him), looked more like himself, despite the unfamiliar position in the field. He started with two birdies and rolled in further birdie putts at the seventh, eighth and ninth, to go out in 32. It was irrelevant, of course, but it was important that he should at least finish the week on a positive note.

As the putts started to go in, it was possible to see the confidence start to flood through Faldo again and it was a sight that delighted David Leadbetter, his coach. "The putter is the catalyst," he said. "If it's not working, it builds up the frustration and then it goes through the bag. It's a lot of little things, not one major thing. When you're putting well, you feel it, you sense it and the hole looks like a bucket. When you're not putting well the hole looks like a pea."

That was how it had been for Faldo recently, particularly in the first three rounds. "My putting just killed me," he said, barely audibly, after a 79 in the third round. "I've been struggling with it, but I didn't realise it was going to be this bad." To add to his woes, there was no hallelujah chorus for him at Amen Corner, where he hit shots into the water at the 11th, 12th and 13th, although he did salvage a bogey four at the 12th, where he had totted up a seven on Friday.

Faldo allowed his frustration to seep through at the 17th on Saturday. In the greenside bunker in two, close to the pin, he played a delicate shot that was too delicate, by the merest fraction, and it did not roll on down towards the hole. It looked like a poor shot and someone in the crowd clicked their tongue in the manner of disapproving schoolmistresses the world over. "Don't tut," Faldo said, glaring.

John Simpson, his manager and close friend, also suspected that Faldo was not as single-mindedly concentrated on the first major championship of the season as he might have been. "I think that perhaps he might really be hankering to be at home, that it was just too soon to be away from the family and the new baby," Simpson said. If Georgia was on his mind, it was the baby daughter at home.

The person with Augusta, Georgia, and a green jacket very much on his mind, was Bernhard Langer, Faldo's Ryder Cup colleague. The German, who won his only major championship here, way back in 1985, was the one to beat.

Playing beautifully, he mastered a capricious wind and some pin positions that bordered on the sadistic, for a third round of 69 and a total of 207, nine under par. It left him, alone at the top of the leaderboard, four strokes clear.

David Miller, page 21



High-stepping success: Langer in an energetic routine after sinking a putt

SCORES FROM AUGUSTA

Third round
US unless stated

207: B Langer (Ger), 68, 70, 69.
211: C Beck, 72, 67, 72; D Forsman, 69, 69, 73.
212: L Wadkins, 69, 72, 71; S Elkington (Aus), 71, 70, 71; R Cochrane, 70, 69, 73; J Maggert, 70, 67, 75.
213: F Zoeller, 75, 67, 71; G Norman (Aus), 74, 68, 71; B Faxon, 71, 70, 72; R Floyd, 68, 71, 74.
214: A Magee, 70, 75, 69; J Sluman, 71, 72, 71; S Simpson, 72, 71, 71; J Daly, 70, 71, 73; H Twitty, 70, 71, 73.
215: B Ogle (Aus), 70, 74, 71; A Lyle (GB), 73, 71, 71; S Ballesteros (Sp), 74, 70, 71; T Lehman, 67, 75, 73; C Pavin, 67, 75, 73; L Mize, 67, 74, 74; M Calcavecchia, 71, 70, 74.
216: C Stadler, 73, 74, 69; B Lietzke, 74, 71, 71; N Henke, 76, 69, 71; P Stewart, 74, 70, 72; F Couples, 72, 70, 74; J M Olazábal (Sp), 70, 72, 74; C Parry (Aus), 69, 72, 75; L Janzen, 67, 73, 76.
217: M O'Meara, 75, 69, 73; H Irwin, 74, 69, 74; J Sindelar, 72, 69, 76.
218: G Morgan, 72, 74, 72; I Woosnam (GB), 71, 74, 73; J D Blake, 71, 74, 73; I Baker-Finch (Aus), 73, 72, 73; J Haas, 70, 73, 75; P Mickelson, 72, 71, 75; J Cook, 76, 67, 75; J Nicklaus, 67, 75, 76.
219: T Watson, 71, 75, 73; K Clearwater, 74, 70, 75.
220: D Waldorf, 72, 75, 73; R Gilder, 69, 76, 75; A Forsbrand (Swe), 71, 74, 75; G Sauers, 74, 71, 75.
221: C Coody, 74, 72, 75; E Schulz, 69, 76, 76; D Love III, 73, 72, 76; C Montgomerie (GB), 71, 72, 78.
222: G Player (SA), 71, 76, 75; D Edwards, 73, 73, 76; D Peoples, 71, 73, 78; N Ozaki (Japan), 74, 70, 78.
223: M Ozaki (Japan), 75, 71, 77.
224: G Hallberg, 72, 74, 78.
226: N Faldo (GB), 71, 76, 79; J Huston, 68, 74, 84.
227: W Andrade, 73, 74, 80.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

England XV made to work for victory

AN ENGLAND rugby union XV made hard work of beating a much-changed R F Oakes XV 30-23 at Hartlepool Rovers' ground yesterday. Judged on this game, England will struggle on their tour of Canada next month, their only threequarter moves coming in the closing ten minutes.

They were rewarded with a 77th-minute try by Steve Hackney in the corner, but it was the kicking of Paul Grayson, with five penalties, which was the difference between the sides.

In their scrum half, Simon Clayton-Hibbott, and their back-row forwards, Ian Williams, Brian Chick and Shaun Cassidy, the Oakes XV had a powerful quartet who caused England severe problems. Cassidy, who moved this season from West Hartlepool to Newcastle Gosforth, scored two of their three tries and Clayton-Hibbott the other.

Labour wants cost cut

FOOTBALL: The Labour Party yesterday demanded an enquiry by the Department of Trade into admission fees at some leading clubs, amid accusations of over-pricing. Nigel Griffiths, the shadow consumer affairs minister, said: "None of the Premier League clubs can plead poverty. They generate huge sums from advertising at the grounds, sponsorship and corporate hospitality, club merchandise and season tickets. The BSkyB deal was alone worth an estimated £304 million. Many fans are having to cough up £14 for the cheapest seats ... to pay over the odds for food and match programmes, and to put up with poor facilities.

Kankkunen leads way

MOTOR RALLYING: Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, and the Toyota team coasted towards victory in the Kenya Safari rally as drivers contested the fourth leg yesterday. "Today is a sightseeing day," Kankkunen, the rally and team leader, said after losing two hours 45 minutes in the opening 336.5km of the stage. "The difficulty is to set a pace which can hold the lead but without risking too much." Kankkunen said in Eldoret, north-west of Nairobi, where the rally ends on Monday. He arrived nine minutes ahead of his compatriot, Markku Alen, in another Toyota Celica 4WD. Ian Duncan, of Kenya, also in a Toyota, was third.

Le Cheminant leads

RIFLE SHOOTING: Andrew Le Cheminant, of Jersey, held the lead in the grand aggregate after the first two days of the three-day Bisley Easter rifle meeting. He completed yesterday's course of fire a single point ahead of Peter Thompson (Sussex) with George Cann (Devon) another point behind in third. The competitors, who had to contend with difficult winds and showers, have two long-range events today to complete the meeting. Le Cheminant and his wife, Sue, took first and second places in the 900-yard event and there was another family connection when Cann's son, Paul, 17, beat his father to finish third in a Queen's II shoot.

Dittmar takes title

SQUASH: Chris Dittmar won his first major title for six months when he beat his great Australian rival, Rodney Martin, 7-15, 15-7, 15-9, 17-16 in the French Open final in Tours yesterday. It was a typical fighting performance by the 29-year-old world No. 2 from Adelaide, whose last success was in the European Open final in Kiel, Germany, against the same opponent. It was also a timely blow before the British Open, which starts in London on Wednesday. In a dramatic fourth game, with torrential rain hammering down on the tented roof of the arena, Martin saved three match points but finally conceded defeat after 52 minutes.

Scherbo leaves it late

GYMNASTICS: Vitaly Scherbo, of Belarussia, collected six gold medals at last year's Barcelona Olympics, but his prospects going into the world championships, which start in Birmingham tomorrow, look less than certain. The 20-year-old, from Minsk, has had just two weeks to prepare for the sport's showpiece event. "Since Barcelona, I've competed with my old routine. Only two weeks before the world championships I started to prepare a new routine. I don't think I'm too late," Scherbo said. He will face strong competition from the Ukrainians and Russians.

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Troubled Pakistanis concentrate attentions on preparations for Test series

Mushtaq broadens attacking options

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN GRENADA

THE Pakistanis came to their senses here over the weekend and went ahead with their three-day match against a West Indies Under-23 XI. They needed the game for two very good reasons: to take their minds off the drug charges which four of them, including their captain and vice-captain, are facing, and to get some practice for the first Test match, which starts in Trinidad on Thursday.

By mid-afternoon on the second day, the young West Indians had been bowled out for 184 in reply to a Pakistani first innings of 284 for two declared.

Although there have been times in the last two days when it seemed that the charges against Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed and Aqib Javed would be dropped, that has still not happened. Unless it does, or a hearing is arranged for today, these four will be obliged to delay their departure from here until tomorrow evening's flight.

Unsurprisingly, Khalid Mahmood, the Pakistan manager, has been pulling all available local strings on his players' behalf, having called on the prime minister and the commissioner of police and seen Sir Reginald Palmer, the governor-general, at the cricket. So far, though, commissioner Nestor Ogilvie is standing by the officers who arrested the cricketers.

To protect their interests, the Pakistanis are flying in three legal experts, one from London, one from Trinidad and one from their embassy in Washington.

The cricket itself has been reasonably worthwhile, except for the tempo set by the West Indians when they were in the field on Saturday, bowling barely 13 overs an hour. In this respect, the game as it is played in the Caribbean is a distortion of the all-action one that West Indies are given credit for playing.

For most of the first day, Shakeel Ahmed and Asif Mujtaba shared a partnership of 208 for the second wicket. Neither had scored when they came together, and they went on to reach their hundreds off successive balls.

Mujtaba is a seriously under-rated player. The diminutive left-hander has had to fight for recognition and is all the tougher and more adaptable for it.

The batting of the young West Indians has been a good deal more ambitious than their bowling, though no more successful. Philo Wallace, a Barbadian bulldozer, treated Waqar Younis as though he was no more than medium pace, although that is about all he was, bowling into a stiff breeze. It was only when Mushtaq, playing his first game for 16 days, was given the ball, that anyone looked like getting out.

Bowling well, Mushtaq could make as much of an impact in the forthcoming Test series as Wasim and Waqar; but he has been complaining of a troublesome back, and all the one-day cricket he has played in the last few months has done little for his confidence or style.

Yesterday, he was either beating the bat or being hit for four. By lunch, he had taken three for 36 in nine overs.

GRENADA SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Aamir Sohail c Eugene b Rose	10
Shakeel Ahmad not out	132
Asif Mujtaba c Browne b Anthony	102
Javed Miandad not out	32
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 5)	8
Total (2 wkts dec)	284

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-218

Zahid Fazal, †Rashid Latif, *Wasim Akram, Nadim Khan, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed and Aamir Sohail did not bat.

BOWLING: Rose 12-5-46-1; Cuffy 13-3-43-0; Drakes 10-0-46-0; Anthony 16-5-41-1; Chanderpaul 18-2-73-0; Walcott 6-0-34-0

WEST INDIES UNDER-23 XI
First Innings

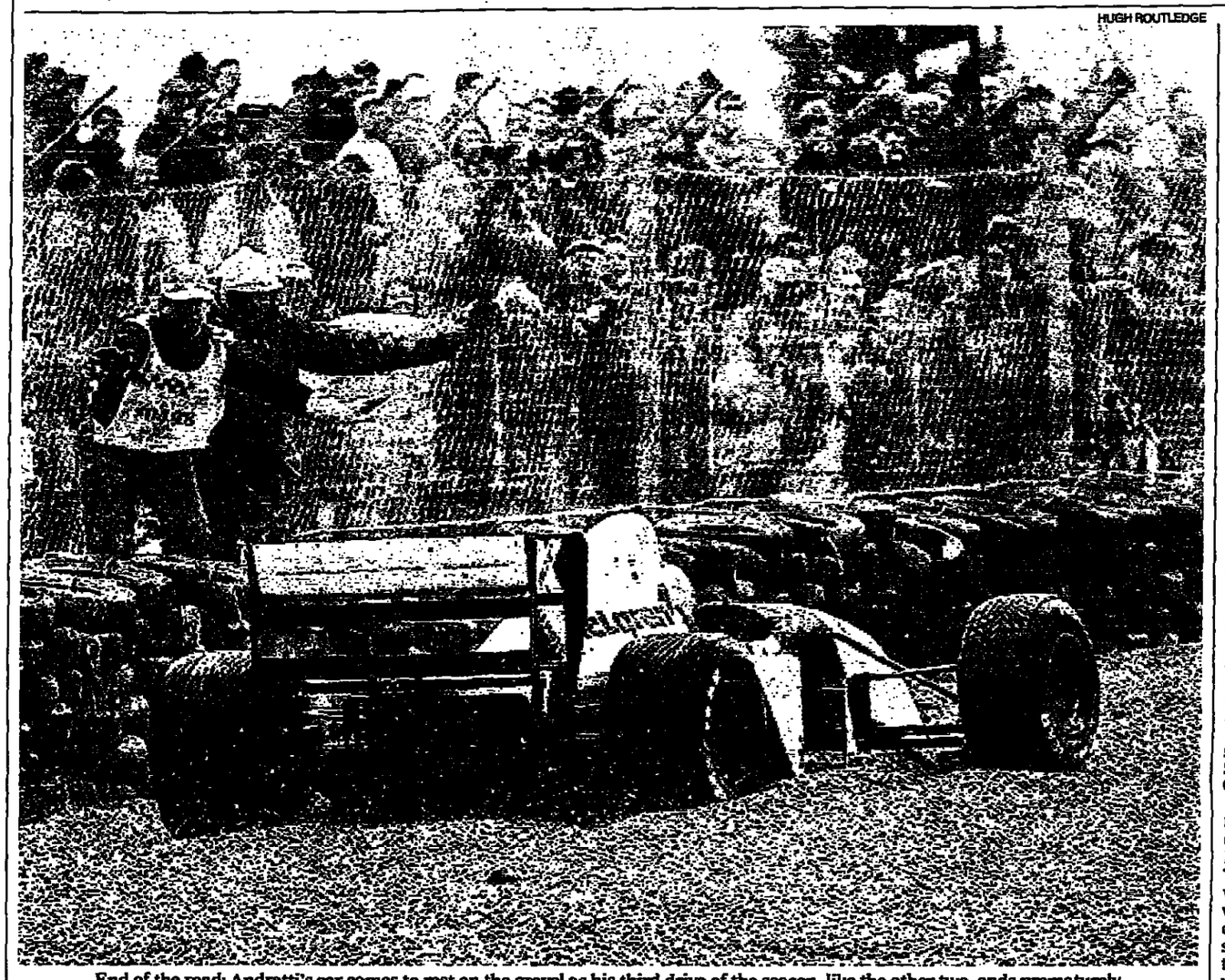
R G Samuels c Wasim b Mushtaq	23
P A Wallace c Mujtaba b Rehman	40
A F G Griffith c Nadim b Mushtaq	29
*J Eugene c Rashid b Wasim	13
S Chanderpaul st Rashid b Mushtaq	0
H R Waldron c and b Nadim	44
†C O Browne c and b Nadim	3
H A G Anthony c Waqar b Nadim	6
V C Drakes c Sohail b Nadim	17
F A Rose b Waqar	0
C E Cuffy not out	0
Extras (b 6, lb 1, nb 2)	9
Total	184

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-86, 3-96, 4-96, 5-127, 6-140, 7-148, 8-134, 9-184.

BOWLING: Wasim 8-1-30-1; Waqar 8.2-1-55-1; Ata-ur-Rehman 7-0-37-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 9-2-36-5; Nadim 6-0-21-4

Umpires: C E Cumberbatch and G A Johnson.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



End of the road: Andretti's car comes to rest on the gravel as his third drive of the season, like the other two, ends prematurely

Andretti dampens McLaren's celebrations



Andrew Longmore witnesses yet another failure by an American driver who just can't get started

For every winner, there has to be a loser, but surely fate cannot continue to be so cruel. As Ayrton Senna crossed the finish line to end his personal master class at a sodden Donington yesterday, Michael Andretti was standing in the corner wearing the dunce's cap once again. Or rather he was heading back to his home in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, to lick his wounds, doubtless being consoled along the way by his father, Mario, who had hoped to bring some luck with him across the Atlantic. A guiding star might have been more useful. Once again, the American failed to complete a lap.

"Ah well," he said reflectively. "That's racing." "Ah well," added his team manager, Ron Dennis, "That's racing." Except that Michael has yet to do any racing for his new team. In his first grand prix, he stalled on the grid and managed four laps. In Brazil, he crashed spectacularly at the first corner; yesterday, he travelled 200 yards further before nestling in the gravel once more. A total of four-and-a-half laps in three grands prix and the fact that a third driver, Mika Hakkinen, is waiting in the wings of the McLaren team can do as little for Andretti Jnr's ebbing confidence as Senna's nonchalant brilliance.

On this side of the Pond, the battle between IndyCar's best and Formula One's best is proving to be a no-contest, though McLaren are not rushing to conclusions just yet.

"We have been around as a team for a long time. We're patient," Dennis said. "A lot of drivers haven't finished their first three races. Michael just happens to be one of them. We know the result will come." A finish would do.

Just as Nigel Mansell has found that the instincts of a grand prix driver can be a hazard on the oval tracks of America, so Andretti is learning the hard way that, in Formula One, a gap is not always what it seems. Andretti thought he saw daylight down the inside of Karl Wendlinger's Sauber, the Austrian closed the door and the result was a painful, silent, side-by-side walk back to the pits for the pair of them.

"I thought he saw me coming," Andretti explained. "But I guess he didn't. My front wheels just locked and I went into him." The Austrian, fifth on the grid after an impressive practice, was not amused. "Michael apologised for his mistake, but this doesn't change much for me. I am totally frustrated."

So is Andretti and perhaps, in his dark moments, rueing the day he forsook the comfort of his berth in the Newman-Haas team for the altogether hotter seat of the McLaren team.

"All I can do is look to the future. There is a lot more to come, another 13 races, and so long as I feel that way, it's positive, I guess. But I've got to get into racing situations more often. I am a resilient kind of guy, but it would be nice if it stopped raining," Andretti said.

In contrast, Senna would not mind if every race for the rest of the calendar was run in a monsoon, so superior, so much braver is he in the wet. His first five laps yesterday were worthy of Jim Clark at his best, and there can be no higher praise than that.

While others felt their way through the opening laps, Senna hurled his McLaren down the hill into the Craner Curve, dive-bombing into the Old Hairpin out of the mist as if imitating the replica Spitfire watching from the hillside, demoralising his rivals as completely as a boxer outstaring his opponent at the first bell. The rest had no option but to look away and hope for second place.

For the faithful who braved the rain and the entrance fee of £60 per adult, the British contingent gave good value. Hill drove solidly for his second place and Johnny Herbert survived a scare on the start line, when his Lotus Ford momentarily lost its active suspension, and an artistic pirouette later — "the back end just slipped a bit" — to record his second fourth place in succession.

Herbert had only one pit stop, to change from his initial wet tyres to slicks, and was rewarded for keeping his nerve by another excellent finish. "Until it was really wet, there was no point in coming in," he said. "It would start raining one end of the circuit and I would radio that I was coming in and then it would lessen again. So I decided to stay out and it paid off."

Back in the McLaren pit, joy in one half of the garage mixed with misery in the other. "A fantastic job", enthused Dennis on Senna. "Our relationship has never been better and we will see him in the car for the rest of the year, I expect." And Andretti? "He will put himself under pressure to win because he will expect it. He's just got to be balanced about it." That's racing, after all.

Renault pair seize chance

BY STEPHEN SLATER

TIM Harvey and Alain Menu, driving the unproven Renault 19 touring cars, took a surprise one-two victory in the British touring car championship race, the main supporting event to the European Formula One grand prix yesterday.

The favourite was Steve Soper, whose BMW started from pole position, but Harvey mastered the partially flooded track to storm through the field from fourteenth place at the start and took the lead on the eleventh lap. He continued to pull clear, setting the fastest lap at an average speed of 80.11mph as Soper hit trouble two laps from the end. He missed a gear change and slithered across the grass at the Old Hairpin fighting to regain control at over 100mph. As Soper rejoined the track, Menu of Switzerland snatched second place, leaving Soper to fend off the Vauxhall Cavalier of John Cleland.

"The opening laps of the race were the most dangerous driving I've ever done," said Harvey of the track conditions. "The rain was torrential, there was absolutely no visibility. I was doing over 100mph and couldn't see a thing in the spray, but nothing was going to rob me of a chance of victory."

The two Formula Vauxhall Lotus European championship races were dominated by the rivalry between Jan Magnussen of Denmark and Patrick Crinelli of Italy. Crinelli led the first of the two heats, but a perfectly timed moved by Magnussen took him to the lead on the penultimate lap.

In the second race, Magnussen almost stalled his engine at the start, allowing Dino Morelli from Port Rush in Northern Ireland to head the field from start to finish. Despite dropping to sixteenth place, Magnussen fought through the field to regain fourth position by the second lap, then fought another battle with Crinelli to come second.

The experienced Australian Russell Ingall, the British Open Formula Ford championship. The former Formula Three driver, who has returned to the junior formula to assist in the development of the latest Van Dieman car, took victory ahead of the Swift cars of the initial race leader, Guy Smith, and Justin Keen.

RESULTS: British Touring Car Championship (Drivers English, unless otherwise stated): 1, T Harvey (Renault 19) 34min 59.9sec (77.14mph); 2, A Menu (Switzerland, Renault 19) 35:15.12; 3, S Soper (BMW 318i) 35:18.04; 4, J Cleland (Vauxhall Cavalier) 35:19.71; 5, K Odor (Nissan Primera) 35:25.00. 6, J Allam (Vauxhall Cavalier) 35:40.11

Beavers take sting out of unhappy Wasps

DURHAM Wasps, who have had a terrible ice hockey season, suffered the ultimate indignity on Saturday, losing 6-0 to Basingstoke Beavers (Norman de Mesquita writes). While Jeff Smith played extremely well in the Basingstoke goal, saving all 29 shots that reached him, he would be the first to admit that the Wasps were ineffectual and undisciplined.

In the other promotion-relegation group, Sheffield Steelers continued their inexorable march to the premier division with wins over Milton Keynes Kings and Slough Jets.

In the Heineken championship, Cardiff Devils and Murrayfield Racers have won three out of three so far, and are virtually certain to qualify for the Wembley semi-finals.

A feature of the weekend games was how early many of them were decided. By the end of the first period Murrayfield led Billingham Bombers 3-0, Humberside Seahawks led Bracknell Bees 4-0, and the Panthers led Fife Flyers 6-1, and all went on to win fairly comfortably.

The exception was in the televised game, in which Whitley Warriors were leading 4-0 shortly before the end of the first period, only for the Devils to outscore them 6-1 in the second, and eventually emerge 9-6 winners.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: Billingham Bombers 6, Murrayfield Racers 8; Humberside Seahawks 8, Bracknell Bees 5; Murrayfield Racers 6, Nottingham Panthers 4; Nottingham Panthers 11, Fife Flyers 5; Whitley Warriors 6, Cardiff Devils 9. Promotion/relegation play-offs: Basingstoke Beavers 6, Durham Wasps 0; Milton Keynes Kings 4, Norwich & Peterborough Pirates 6; Sheffield Steelers 9, Milton Keynes Kings 4; Slough Jets 2, Sheffield Steelers 12; Swindon Wildcats 8, Romford Raiders 5.

Reynolds too strong for his challengers

KEITH Reynolds, who was without a sponsor until a fortnight ago, when his old team, Banana, invited him to make up this season's quartet, won yesterday's third stage of the Girvan three-day cycle race in Scotland to increase his overall lead (Peter Bryan writes).

The Birmingham rider who also won Saturday's opening stage and was runner-up in the race four years ago, showed his strength on yesterday's switchback route from Kilmarnock to Girvan.

There was hardly a flat stretch of road during the first half of the 90-mile course and Reynolds, a strong climber, was one of a group of 21 to escape after 20 miles. After 60 miles he broke away, taking with him Paul Curran and Wayne Randle, both of the Dinnington Club. With Curran prepared to set the pace, "I just sat in," Reynolds said. "You could say that I had an armchair ride with those two."

Five miles from the finish the trio were caught but Reynolds immediately went to the front once more, this time with John Tanner, although their dominance was short-lived. The strength of Reynolds proved decisive over the finishing stretch, into a headwind, and he outsprinted the Northern Ireland rider Thomas Evans, 19, and professional Rob Holden to take a lead of 1min 05sec into today's final stage of 78 miles, which has five major climbs.

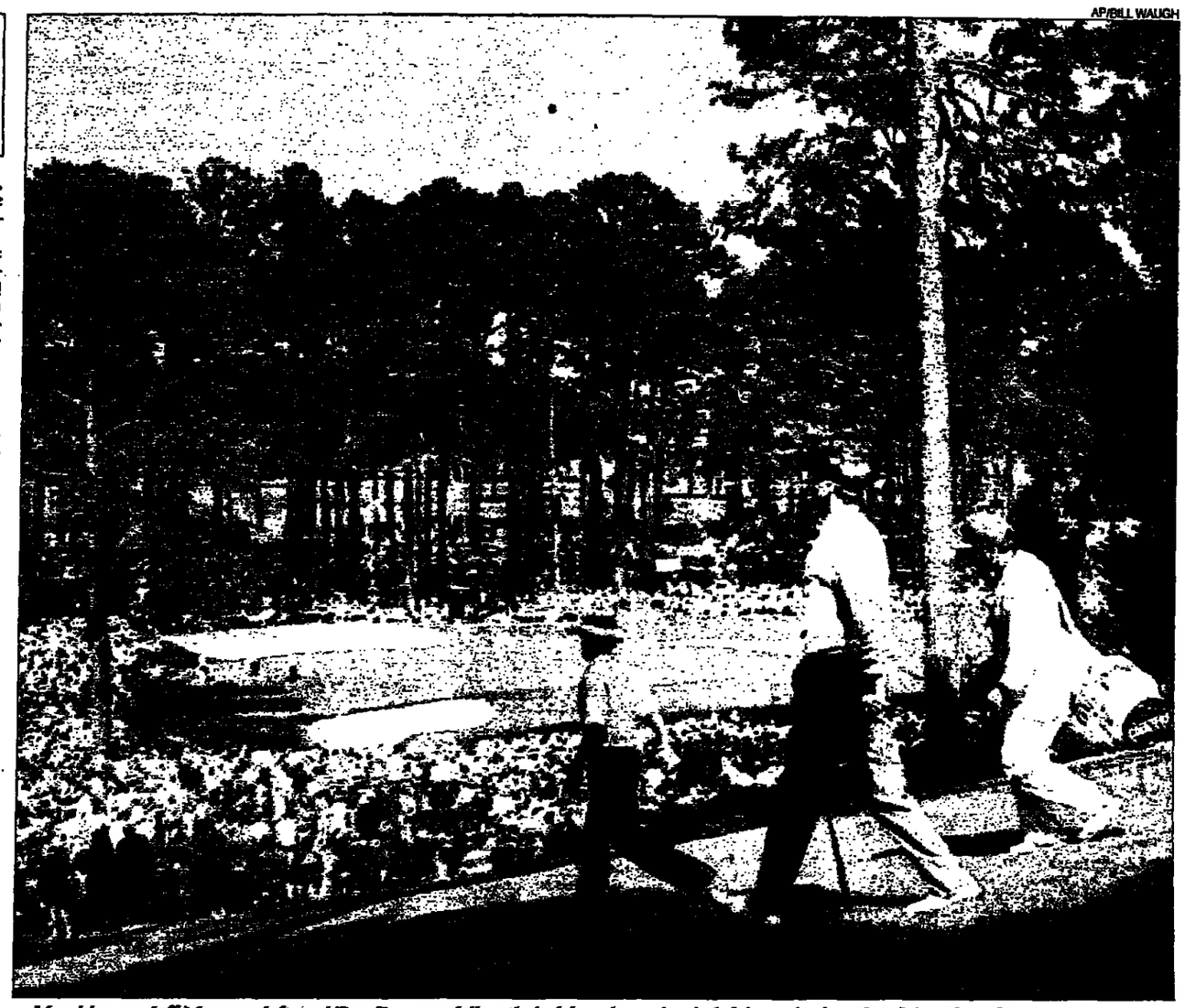
RESULT: Third stage (Kilmarnock to Girvan, 90 miles): 1, K Reynolds (Banana), 3hr 30min 44sec; 2, T Evans, (Ireland), same time; 3, R Holden (Neilson-Tivoli), same time. Overall: 1, Reynolds, 7hr 02min 53sec; 2, J Watshaw (North Wirral), at 1min 05sec; 3, Holden, at 1min 18sec.

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DAVID MILLER
at the Masters



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Marching on: Jeff Maggert, left, and Dan Forsman follow their drives down the sixth fairway in the colourful setting of Augusta National

The Masters has long been the genesis for every serious player's season ... a *tournament* where the true feeling of the game is not tampered with in any shape or fashion.

Those words were written by Ben Crenshaw and addressed to Augusta National's chairman, Hord Hardin, shortly after his victory in 1984. Crenshaw added: "I shall always attempt to carry this victory with the conviction that The Game is the thing, not anything else, along with a happy and life-giving memory."

The legacy from Bobby Jones, winner of US and British, Open and Amateur, *championships in 1930*, is indeed the most perfect of any sporting week, of any year. So, when Dan Forsman's challenge to Bernhard Langer slipped on the third day, and Nick Faldo equalled his worst previous Masters round with a 79, they did no more than bite their lip.

Crenshaw recalls visiting Bobby Jones to commiserate during the great man's last years of serious illness, and Jones reproving him: "You play the ball as it lies."

Those who knew Jones say that he revealed more resolution in his times of tribulation than he did in his many triumphs on the golf course.

As a young player, he had had to overcome an instinctive temper. He once withdrew from the Open Championship, at St Andrews, in mid-tournament because he was so angry with his poor form. Thirty years later, they would give him the freedom of the borough.

Charlie Yates, 60 of whose 80 years have been entwined with the Masters, since its launch in 1934, knew Jones from boyhood, living across the road from East Lake country club, in Atlanta, where *the* master played much of his golf. Yates would follow behind him, an awe-struck 11-year old.

"Occasionally, he would play with us around a short, par-three course beside the club," Yates recalls. "Unbelievable".

Yates went on to become twice Georgia state champion, aged 17 and 18; national intercollegate champion in 1934; British amateur champion at Troon in 1938, beating Cecil Ewing, of Ireland, 3 and 2 in the final; twice a Walker Cup player and then captain in 1953; three times the lowest amateur in the Masters, with a best round of 70; and recipient in 1980 of the Bobby Jones award, the *US Golf* Association's most prestigious recognition.

He became, other than Jones's father, who was affectionately nicknamed The Colonel, the most regular playing partner of the legendary amateur.

Yates reflected: "I have occasionally written about his swing, which was exceptional. He played with unhesitating dispatch. His putting was wristy by comparison with today's method, and when he came back in 1934, four years after retirement, for the first Masters, or National Invitational, as it was known at first, he had not the same touch.

"He was one of the most intelligent people I've known, with an engineering degree from Georgia Tech, an arts degree at Harvard and a three-year law degree taken in two years. He was most helpful to me when I first started work in banking."

Yates's serious playing ended with the war. When he returned home, the fluency had gone, though it did not stop him singing songs in the shower with the extrovert Colonel.

Stories of Jones's father abound. Before rules had been formalised, the Colonel would occasionally be enlisted at Augusta as a rules official. Sent to oversee Amen Corner, he was confronted by a player with a plugged ball on the bank above Rae's Creek; what Yates calls the most perfect hole in golf, where the players on the tee for the 155-yard hole are oblivious to the wind blowing down the 13th fairway and swirling around the precipitous green.

The player asked if was entitled to relief. "How do you stand against par?" enquired the Colonel. "Seven over today, 19 over on the tournament, sir."

"Then put the son-of-a-bitch on the green."

When Yates once partnered a preacher against Jones and father, Jones shooting 64, the Colonel bunkered himself at the 16th, took two to get out and three-putted for an eight, every stroke accompanied by a vehement oath, the errant clubs beaten upon the turf.

"We should have known better" murmured the preacher in an audible pulpit-whisper, "than to have tried competing against a combination of proficiency and profanity."

Yates attributes much of Augusta's success to Clifford Roberts, Jones's friend, financial adviser and the first club chairman. Particularly important was the decision to invite golf clubs within 200 miles of Augusta to apply for series passes, thus ensuring a sell-out beforehand. One effect of this, Yates believes, was to eliminate the bad behaviour evident among day-pass purchasers at the gate, who brought with them the hollering and booing common to other professional spectator sports and the kicking of balls hit off the fairway into better, or worse, positions, depending on their mood.

Roberts also insisted on photographers and writers remaining outside the ropes, so as not to obstruct the spectators view. "Yet Augusta was the first to create the interview and press facilities that are now common to major tournaments," Yates said.

What finally cemented Augusta's glory was the post-war appearance of Eisenhower, a golf fanatic, and then the simultaneous arrival of television and Arnold Palmer. Whence Arnie's Army.

It was Jones, however, who more than any perceived the importance of the media. In 1953, he wrote: "To gain any sort of fame, it isn't enough to do the job. There must be someone to spread the news."

Try telling that to some infantile contemporary professional footballers. Or even Linford Christie.

Wharton receives £100,000 offer

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

FRANK Warren has offered Henry Wharton, the British and Commonwealth super-middleweight boxing champion, £100,000 to meet Nicky Piper. The London promoter made the offer after Piper defended his World Boxing Association inter-continental title by stopping Chris Sande, of Kenya, in the ninth round at Swansea on Saturday.

Piper said: "I've always wanted to fight Wharton. We have asked him many times but he has avoided us. Perhaps now it will happen."

Wharton's manager, Mickey Duff, must now decide whether he wants to risk his man, who is in the No. 1 position to challenge Nigel Benn. The meeting with Piper is most likely to happen next year if Wharton lifts the title from Benn, as many predict he will, at the end of this year.

While Duff is making his mind up, Piper intends to keep busy. He will defend his title on May 19 at Cardiff and hopes to challenge Ray Close, of Belfast, for the European title in June or July.

Piper believes that Wharton is made for him. The York man is short, has short arms, comes to fight and is not too quick on his feet. Just the sort to suit Piper's teeing-up style.

Even if Piper's corner were delighted he showed some fire at last in finishing Sande, there must be a question mark about Piper's power. He had been thumping Sande all night with the right hand and the Kenyan kept coming back for more because every time Piper had him in trouble he failed to follow up.

Piper said "I should have listened to my corner earlier, but I have always been a cautious fighter. Jumping in to knock your opponent out can end in your being knocked out yourself."

But against men like Wharton, Piper will not be given a chance to stand back and admire his handiwork every time he hurts his man.

☐ Robbie Regan, the European flyweight champion from Hengoed, will meet Dave McAuley, the former world champion from Northern Ireland on May 19 in Cardiff.

Whitaker and Milton put pressure on champion

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

JOHN Whitaker and Everest Milton are within striking distance of their third Volvo World Cup as the three-part competition enters its final round today.

Whitaker, who was third in the second round on Saturday, is lying 2.5 points behind Germany's Olympic champion, Ludger Beerbaum, on Almox Ratina Z. If the German has one fence down today and Whitaker goes clear, he and Milton win the cup.

"I just hope it's a big course because that'll suit Milton," Whitaker said yesterday. "Then it's just up to me to keep the pressure on Ludger."

Beerbaum can withstand a great deal of pressure. In Barcelona, where he rode Classic Touch, he had to go clear in the final round to win the gold medal. In Seoul, four years earlier, he did the same on The Freak, a horse he had sat on only once before, in order to secure Germany's team gold medal.

If Beerbaum and Whitaker make mistakes in today's two-round final, Michael Matz, of the United States, and Britain's Nick Skelton, who are lying third and fourth, will be quick to take advantage. Michael Whitaker, who had been third after the first leg, has dropped to eighteenth after a disappointing second round.

Matz, the winner of the second leg on his French-bred gelding, Rhum, won the World Cup on Jet Run in 1981. His last appearance in the final was in 1985. "I've been waiting for another horse of Jet Run's calibre ever since," he said.

Rhum, who has never competed indoors before, more than fulfilled his hopes in Saturday's second leg. Thirteen horses reached the jump-off.

Skelton, who had the disadvantage of going second on Everest Limited Edition, just touched the first part of the double to incur an expensive four faults. Whitaker and Milton, whose arrival in the ring was preceded with deafening cheers, made no mistake and finished in the lead in 37.27sec.



John Whitaker: hoping

Beerbaum then promptly relegated Whitaker to second place with what looked like the winning time of 37.04sec. But Matz produced a masterly round more than half a second faster than the Olympic champion's.

Rhum's inexperience may be found out today. Paul Weier, the Swiss course designer, is expected to build two big and demanding courses. While this would suit both Milton and Ratina, it would be a stern test of stamina for a green ten-year-old.

Skelton, who rode poorly to finish twelfth in the opening leg, is optimistic about his chances.

☐ The World Cup final will remain in Europe until the end of the present contract with Volvo in 1998. Australia's bid to host the 1998 final was rejected by the Committee yesterday in favour of Helsinki.

RESULTS: Second leg: 1, Rhum (M Matz, US), 0 in 36.38sec; 2, Almox Ratina Z (L Beerbaum, Ger), 0 in 37.04; 3, Everest Milton (J Whitaker, GB), 0 in 37.25. Overall positions: 1, L Beerbaum (Ger), 0 penalties; 2, J Whitaker (GB), 2.50; 3, M Matz (US), 4.50; 4, N Skelton (GB), 9.00.

British show augurs well

BY CRAIG LORD

IF THE tradition that the early long-course competitor catches the medals holds true, Britain can look forward to a glittering summer after an Edinburgh swimming international of which Scotland's capital can be proud.

For while Olympic medal-winners from overseas, such as Jeff Rouse and Jon Olson, of the United States, provided many of the highlights, several English swimmers keen to put the short-course season behind them and test their fitness in an Olympic-size pool merited as much attention.

The return, after seven years, of Sarah Hardcastle, 24 last Friday, to the pool in which she claimed two Commonwealth titles in 1986 before retiring, signalled that hers is to be unlike other comebacks.

At her first long-course event since 1986, Hardcastle won the 400 and 800 metres freestyle in times faster than those set by the winners at the British Olympic trials last year. She thus proved that her short-course success at the national championships in December was no fluke.

While Hardcastle will concentrate on the longest two distances in the run-up to the European championships at Sheffield in August, Karen Pickering, of Ipswich, will focus on the three shortest.

After finishing second to Jenny Thompson, the world record holder, in the 100 metres freestyle at the American national championships ten days ago, Pickering faced Karin Brienesse here. The Dutch champion got the touch in 56.85sec, but Pickering's second place in 57.07sec rebuffed critics who say the English champion avoids hard races in mid-season.

The new generation of British men is also looking good with Richard Maden, 20, and Paul Palmer, 19, excelling. Maden defeated three Olympic finalists at 100 metres breaststroke while Palmer could not find anyone to stay with him in the 200 and 400 metres freestyle.

Test of strength for qualifiers

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE three-day preliminary stage of the Hi-Tec British open squash championships, at Lambs Club, London, over the weekend, produced extraordinary challenges for the 32-man qualifying field that assembles today to dispute just eight places in the men's main draw later this week.

With Mir Zaman Gul and Zarak Jahan, of Pakistan, returning to the event after a year-long ban from the world top 20 for disciplinary reasons, Paul Gregory and Bryan Beeson bringing the experience of recent British national wins through such unusually early scrimmages, and Fredrik Johnson required to protect his Swedish top ranking from the first day, some of those whose world rankings earned automatic entry to the qualifying rounds will be alarmed by their opponents today.

Gregory, the 1991 national champion, survived an extraordinary week in which he won the Swedish open title with some ease before being forced, by the seeding regulations, to join hundreds of hopefuls in the lower echelons of his own country's greatest event, and today meets Lucas Buit, of Holland.

Beeson, four times a national finalist and the winner in 1986, meets Robert Graham, while two other English preliminary winners, Mark Allen and Nick Taylor, are involved in similar domestic clashes. Zarak meets Peter Nichol, the young Scottish champion, and Gul plays Zarak's younger brother, Zubair Jahan. Johnson is drawn against Simon Frenz, of Germany.

RESULTS: Preliminary finals: Mens: Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt D Sharplin (NZ), 9-1, 9-3, 9-4; B Beeson (Eng) bt N Cass (Eng), 9-5, 9-7, 9-4; G Rahman (Pak) bt G Thwaite (Eng), 9-1, 1-9, 5-9, 9-1, 9-2; P Gregory (Eng) bt Sameer Khan (Pak), 9-4, 9-3, 9-6; F Johnson (Swe) bt W Sanni (Nigeria), 8-10, 9-6, 9-2, 9-7; N Taylor (Eng) bt T Garner (Eng), 9-4, 3-9, 2-9, 9-4, 9-0; Z Jahan (Pak) bt A Kirkland (Eng), 9-8, 9-3, 9-2; M Allen (Eng) bt J Welling (Eng), 9-4, 9-3, 9-2.

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BRITAIN'S OLDEST CHARITY SOLELY FOR THE WELFARE OF CATS.

English trainers mount powerful Irish National challenge

GEORGE SELWYN



Flying high: Royal Athlete, the Gold Cup third, who looks well treated in the Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse today

Royal Athlete can lead one-two for invaders

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

THANKS in large measure to the decision of the Irish racing authorities to have the weights for the Jameson Irish Grand National calculated on the eve of the Cheltenham festival meeting, the scales are now very heavily tilted in favour of an English win.

The ante-post market has been dominated by support for Rushing Wild and Royal Athlete, who finished second and third in the Tote Gold Cup. The English handicapper, with this information to hand, has raised both the placed horses by a substantial margin and Rushing Wild, even with top weight of 12 stone at Fairyhouse this afternoon, will be competing off a mark 6lb lower than his revised home rating.

Even better treated is Royal Athlete, who has gone up by 16lb since his pre-Cheltenham assessment. He is clearly best in at today's weights and there is every likelihood that he will start favourite.

Jenny Pitman could be excused if she feels that this is one National that should not get away from her, after the disappointment engendered by the Aintree debacle in which her outsider, Esha Ness, was first past the post.

Royal Athlete was one of those who jumped off at Aintree but he did not get beyond the tenth fence and, unless the tumble there has left its mark, there is every reason to expect him to reverse the Cheltenham placings with Rushing Wild.

Because of events at Aintree, there is a stronger than usual English challenge for today's race and Zeta's Lad, who was a major fancy there, will try to land his second valuable Irish prize of the season.

On his previous visit in January for the Telecom Eireann Thyestes Handicap Chase, he got the better of an exciting finish to beat Ebony Jane by a short head with the The Committee ten lengths away third and River Tarquin fourth.

Ebony Jane is now 6lb better off and it is significant that Charlie Swan, with a clutch of offered rides, has picked her. There is a question mark, though, against her stamina as she finished a distant sixth behind Vanton in the corresponding race last year.

Besides Rushing Wild and Royal Athlete, Cheltenham Gold Cup form is represented by Sibton Abbey (fifth) and Cool Ground (ninth).

Both will appreciate the easier ground here than they encountered at the festival and, while Cool Ground appears on the decline, Sibton Abbey has enjoyed a fine season with victories in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury in November and the Timeform Hall of Fame Chase at Cheltenham in January, both on testing ground.

However, at the weights, he is held by Rushing Wild and Royal Athlete on their Cheltenham Gold Cup running together.

Laura's Beau, third in last year's Grand National, is another who will appreciate the give underfoot, having landed a gamble for J P McManus in the mud at Uttoxeter three weeks before the Aintree race.

Crawford Says, runner-up on that occasion, beaten two lengths, now meets his Punchestown conqueror on 3lb worse terms and looks held, particularly as he has since finished a disappointing seventh to Mister Ed in the Midlands Grand National.

Among the outsiders, the most attractive proposition is Haki Saki, who ran well in a three-mile hurdle at Leopardstown before beating New Mill House and Blitzkreig very easily in the P Z Mower Chase at Thurles.

None of the Irish runners, though, can match up to the class of the invaders and I expect an endorsement of Jodami's championship status to be provided by a Royal Athlete-Rushing Wild one-two for English stables.

Boro Eight, a beaten favourite behind his compatriot, Montelado, in the Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham, will find the ground today much more to his liking and he can beat the Aintree runner-up, Gaelic Myth, in the Jameson Gold Cup Hurdle.

Swan continues his partnership with the Cheltenham winner, Fissure Seal, in the long-distance handicap hurdle but his mount has paid the penalty for that big win and may struggle to give 12lb to **Brindley House**.

FAIRYHOUSE LINE-UP

GOING: HEAVY — TV: BBC1 & C4

3.55 JAMESON IRISH GRAND NATIONAL
(Handicap chase: Ir£58,200: 3m 5f) (27 runners)

1 F1-1122 RUSHING WILD 25 (G,S) (Hunt and Co Ltd) M Pipe (GB) 8-12-0 ... R Dunwoody –
2 211415 SIBTON ABBEY 25 (F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy (GB) 8-11-13 ... S Smith Eccles –
3 402330* COOL GROUND 25 (G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing) G Balding (GB) 11-11-12 A Maguire –
4 11111V ZETA'S LAD 44 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Upson) J Upson (GB) 10-11-5 ... R Supple –
5 2F1-4F0 RIVER TARQUIN 26 (B,S) (Robinstown Racing Syndicate) J Dreaper 9-11-0 .. K Morgan –
6 51043V ROYAL ATHLETE 25 (F,G,S) (G & L Johnson) Mrs J Pitman (GB) 10-10-13 .. M Pitman –
7 33843V THE COMMITTEE 27 (S) (Corcoran Enterprises Ltd) J Scott 10-10-9 ... J Shortt –
8 30-00PV LAURA'S BEAU 50 (B,G,S) (J McManus) F Berry 9-10-8 ... C O'Dwyer –
9 42F-222 EBONY JANE 43 (S) (J Lynch) F Flood 8-10-7 ... C Swan –
10 2U3F40 RUST NEVER SLEEPS 26 (G,S) (D Murphy) A Leahy 9-10-6 ... A Powell –
11 P15-P06 THE GOOSER 43 (F,G,S) (Mrs M O'Leary) P Mullins 10-10-4 ... S O'Donovan –
12 51P4-53 BISHOPS HALL 26 (F,G,S) (J Carroll) H de Bromhead 7-10-3 ... J Titley –
13 2141-51 HAKI SAKI 60 (G,S) (M Power) A Leahy 7-10-3 ... G O'Neill –
14 040-624 MASS APPEAL 23 (G,S) (W Mooney) V Bowens 8-10-1 ... B Sheridan –
15 61-222F ALLEZMOSS 27 (S) (M Cahill) E Bolger 7-10-0 ... F Woods –
16 3-13140 CAPTAIN BRANDY 11 (G,S) (M Cooney) F Flood 8-10-0 ... F Flood –
17 31-0210 CRAWFORD SAYS 23 (S) (Mrs J Scott) J Scott 8-10-0 ... P McWilliams –
18 4-5F131 DAGWOOD 39 (S) (E O'Dwyer) A Evans 8-10-0 ... D Evans –
19 56-1050 FERROMYN 27 (G,S) (J McManus) E O'Grady 8-10-0 ... Mr S R Murphy –
20 F-34121 FOR WILLIAM 26 (F,G,S) (D Sheahan) M Hourigan 7-10-0 (2ex) ... K O'Brien –
21 3-00202 GERTIES PRIDE 26 (S) (F Lynch) P Lynch 9-10-0 ... C O'Brien –
22 2F-3215 INCH LADY 26 (S) (Cork and Kerry Racing Syndicate) W Burke 8-10-0 ... T Horgan –
23 5U2-336 JOE WHITE 26 (G,S) (Curragh Racing Club) T Carberry 7-10-0 ... P Carberry –
24 1/0U5-00 KINDLY KING 26 (S) (A Neville) M Keane 9-10-0 ... J Magee –
25 13-10P6 LAMH EILE 40 (G,S) (L McAteer) L McAteer 10-10-0 ... T J Mitchell –
26 U2350P- OUNAVARRA CREEK 127 (S) (Stan, Cooked Meats) P Doyle 8-10-0 ... H Rogers –
27 6P03-5U ROSSI NOVAE 43 (B,G,S) (P Stokes) P Stokes 10-10-0 ... M Duffy –

☐ V denotes ran in void Grand National

Long handicap: For William 9-11, Kindly King 9-10, Allezmoss 9-9, Joe White 9-9, Ounavarra Creek 9-9, Crawford Says 9-4, Ferromyn 9-2, Inch Lady 9-2, Rossi Novae 8-13, Dagwood 8-12, Lamh Eile 8-10, Gerties Pride 8-0

BETTING: 9-2 Rushing Wild, 11-2 Royal Athlete, 6-1 Zeta's Lad, 9-1 Sibton Abbey, 12-1 Ebony Jane, For William, 14-1 Laura's Beau, The Committee, 16-1 Cool Ground, 20-1 Crawford Says, River Tarquin, 25-1 others

1992: VANTON 10-11 J F Titley 23 ran

Big-race form guide

RUSHING WILD 2l 2nd of 16 to Jodami in grade I Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup at *Cheltenham (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm)* last month with ROYAL ATHLETE (15lb better off) 7l 3rd, SIBTON ABBEY (1lb better off) 4½l 5th and COOL GROUND (2lb better off) 18½l 9th.

Previously SIBTON ABBEY beat Another Coral ¾l in 7-runner Cheltenham (3m 1f *110yd, soft) chase with COOL GROUND* (1lb better off) 5l 3rd.

ZETA'S LAD beat Docklands Express (gave 18lb) 1½l in 12-runner grade II Racing Post Chase at Kempton (3m, good). THE COMMITTEE 14½l 3rd of 12 to Strong Beau in Cheltenham (3m 1f, *good). CRAWFORD SAYS beat EBONY* JANE (15lb better off) 1½l in 11-runner handicap chase here (3m 1f, yielding) with THE GOOSER 6th

HAKI SAKI beat New Mill House 6l in 8-runner grade II chase at Thurles (2m 4f, yielding). DAGWOOD beat Mack A Day *2l in 9-runner Clonmel (2m 4f, yielding)* handicap chase.

FOR WILLIAM beat Balda Boy 2l in 13-runner Leopardstown (3m, yielding) *handicap chase with BISHOPS HALL* (5lb better off) 8l 3rd.

THE COMMITTEE 4¾ 4th of 7 to Esha Ness in void Grand National (4m 4f, good to firm) with LAURA'S BEAU 80l 7th, ZETA'S LAD and THE GOOSER pulled up, ROYAL ATHLETE fell 10th, THE GOOSER fell 21st. *Previously 14½l 3rd of* 12 to Strong Beau in Cheltenham (3m 1f, good) with ALLEZMOSS a faller. CRAWFORD SAYS beat EBONY JANE (15lb better off) *1½l in 11-runner handi*cap chase here (3m 1f, yielding) with THE GOOSER 6th

EBONY JANE ½l 2nd to Garamycin at Leopardstown (3m, soft).

CAPTAIN BRANDY failed to handle fences, always struggling in rear, 12th of 23 to Sirrah Jay at Aintree (2m 6f, good to firm). Earlier won Punchestown handicap chase (2m 5f, soft) in February, beating *MASS APPEAL (gave 3lb) by 9l*

Selection: ROYAL ATHLETE

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
2.00 Station Express. 2.30 Glengriffin. 3.00 Brora Rose. 3.30 Major Kinsman. 4.05 Moorcroft Boy. 4.35 Mistic Glen.
Brian Beel: 4.05 Moorcroft Boy.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT ON STABLE BEND)

2.00 SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,381: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 063P CARIBBEAN PRINCE 12 (V,D,F,S) M McCourt 5-11-10 L Harvey
2 133F CAVO GRECO 20 (BF,G) J Joseph 4-11-1 ... D Skyrme
3 06P COOL SOCIETY 12 W Musson 4-10-8 ... D Murphy
4 6061 TRENDY AUCTIONEER 2 (V,G) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-7 (7ex) B Murphy (7)
5 005- I'M SPECIAL 324 J Jenkins 5-10-1 ... L O'Hare (7)
6 0041 STATION EXPRESS 14 (D,F,G) B Ellison 5-10-1 .. S Mason (7)
7 6/24 BARCHAM 26 G Pritchard-Gordon 5-10-0 ... T Kent
8 5200 ENCHANTED FLYER 12 T Donnelly 5-10-0 ... Mr T Jenks (5)
9 PPP0 MONA'S PRINCE 34 D Wilson 6-10-0 ... J J Brown (7)
10 400P LA PEREET 21 (F) B Richmond 5-10-0 ... J McCarthy (5)

5-2 Cavo Greco, 4-1 Station Express, Trendy Auctioneer, 5-1 Caribbean Prince, 7-1 Cool Society, 14-1 Barcham, I'm Special, 20-1 others.

2.30 SINGER AND FRIEDLANDER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,831: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 3521 BOBBY SOCKS 30 (F) R Lee 7-11-10 ... L Harvey
2 P444 SHANAGHEY WEST 28 (G,S) J Jenkins 9-11-9 ... D Skyrme
3 PP60 GLENGRIFFIN 48 (G) J Edlund 8-11-2 ... D Murphy
4 000P MR-PAW 60 F Murphy 10-11-1 ... B Murphy (7)
5 F434 EXPOUND 18 (B,G) R Juckes 8-10-13 ... Mr T Jenks (5)

Evens Bobby Socks, 7-4 Mr-Paw, 6-1 Expound, 12-1 Glengriffin, 16-1 Shanaghey West.

3.00 THORNTON'S CHOCOLATES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,460: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1 6435 MISTER MAJOR 10 (G) G Balding 5-11-10 ... Mr T Jenks (5)
2 3FFP MALCOM 52 (C,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-8 ... L O'Hare (7)
3 0110 GROUSEMAN 52 (D,BF,G,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-2 ... D Murphy
4 -051 MARQUEE CAFE 25 (C,F,S) J Fitch 9-10-3 ... L Harvey
5 V64F MOUNTSHANNON 54 (C,G) G Fleming 7-10-7 ... T Kent
6 -045 LAVA FALLS 26 (C,F,G) M Pipe 7-10-4 ... J McCarthy (5)
7 2330 DANCING DAYS 40 (B,C,G) J Parkes 7-10-0 ... S Mason (7)
8 3035 BRORA ROSE 20 (S) J Joseph 5-10-0 ... D Skyrme
9 P-F6 HIGH MARINER 198 (S) F Winsporo 7-10-0 ... B Murphy (7)

5-2 Marquee Cafe, 100-30 Grouseman, 4-1 Mister Major, 11-2 Malcom, 8-1 Brora Rose, Dancing Days, 12-1 Lava Falls, 14-1 others.

3.30 DAILY TELEGRAPH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,028: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 1133 MAJOR KINSMAN 12 (D,G,S) R Lee 8-11-10 ... D Murphy
2 0234 JOHN O'DEE 24 (B,C,D,F,G,S) F Murphy 10-11-4 B Murphy (7)
3 F455 ON YOUR WAY 24 (B,D,G,S) J Leigh 11-10-12 Mr W Morgan
4 2030 SLIPPERY MAX 96 (F,G) R Juckes 9-10-10 ... D Skyrme

4-5 Major Kinsman, 2-1 John O'Dee, 9-2 On Your Way, 6-1 Slippery Max

4.05 HAILEYBURY COLLEGE NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs £1,106: 3m) (6)

1 /251 MOORCROFT BOY 12 (D,G) D Nicholson 8-12-7 T Jenks (5)
2 021 NELTAMA 24 (G,S) Miss C Saunders 9-12-7 ... J Greenall
3 /120 SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 25 (G) H Wellstead 8-12-7 T Mitchell (7)
4 2P,F AMARI PRINCE 20 D Fletcher 9-12-0 ... C Ward Thomas (7)
5 2-5 CAWKWELL TOM 34 C Stamp 9-12-0 ... K Needham (7)
6 0R0- SPARTAN RAFT 322 (F) J Whyte 12-12-0 ... J Whyte (7)

8-13 Moorcroft Boy, 7-2 Seven Of Diamonds, 4-1 Neltama, 13-2 Cawkwell Tom, 20-1 Amari Prince, 33-1 Spartan Raft.

4.35 MARK BOWEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,683: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)

1 U-P BISHTHORN 24 J White 8-11-3 ... J J Brown (7)
2 BUSTINELLO F Murphy 5-11-3 ... B Murphy (7)
3 242U DARKBROOK 5 (BF) D Gandolfo 6-11-3 ... L Harvey
4 F33- MADAGANS GREY 17F R Ross 5-11-3 ... T Kent
5 6544 SEA SEARCH 38 (BF) N Henderson 6-11-3 ... D Murphy
6 -600 SILENT BRAVO 12 A Blackmore 6-11-3 ... Mr R Griffiths (7)
7 0-44 WAR COUNSEL 23 Mrs D Haine 5-11-3 ... Mr T Jenks (5)
8 3021 MISTIC GLEN 21 (F) J Parkes 4-10-12 ... S Mason (7)
9 PREACHERS POPSY D Sherwood 7-10-12 ... J McCarthy (5)
10 P2 DELTA FOXTROT 44 M Banks 4-10-10 ... D Skyrme

9-4 Madagans Grey, 11-4 Darkbrook, 4-1 Sea Search, 7-1 War Counsel, 9-1 Bustinello, 14-1 Mistic Glen, 20-1 others.

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER
2.30 Ilewin. 3.05 Mandraki Shuffle. 3.40 Knights. 4.15 Trust The Gypsy. 4.50 Duo Drom. 5.25 Antiguan Flyer.
Brian Beel: 3.05 Mandraki Shuffle. 4.15 Trust The Gypsy.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

2.30 RAYNHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,582: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 1150 MELLADOR 122 (D,F) M Tompkins 4-12-0 ... P Smith Eccles (7)
2 2513 SULTAN'S SON 33 (D,F) J Upson 7-11-0 ... J James (7)
3 0352 ILEWIN 26 (CD,F,G) J Jenkins 6-11-0 ... A S Smith
4 0050 EARLY BREEZE 16 (D,F) M McCourt 7-10-4 ... G Bradley
5 6532 SPANISH WHISPER 14 (CD,G,S) J Bostock 6-10-1 . R J Beggan
6 -033 STORM WARRIOR 34 (B,D,G) B Preece 5-10-0 ... N Juckes (7)
7 1/00 COLONIA 24 (D) B Richmond 7-10-0 ... V Slattery (3)
8 5005 WHISKEY BLUES 24 (CD,G) B Richmond 8-10-0 ... J Ryan

5-2 Sultan's Son, 11-4 Ilewin, 4-1 Early Breeze, 6-1 Mellador, 7-1 others.

3.05 QUEEN'S CUP, AN EASTERN COUNTIES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,211: 3m) (8)

1 15-0 GEE-A 10 (F,G,S) G Hubbard 14-12-8 ... Paul Murphy (7)
2 /2- AS YOU WERE 335 (B,D,F) J Turner 11-11-12 Miss Z Turner (7)
3 2353 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 10 (B,D,F,G) D Sherwood 11-11-12 A Harvey (7)
4 464- MR GOSSIP 349 (G,S) Mrs V Wales 11-11-12 ... W Wales (5)
5 3/3- KERAK SENSIA 357 (CD,F) M Bloom 11-11-12 Miss C Bloom (7)
6 653/ PRINCE NEPAL 686 (D,S) S Hulse 9-11-12 ... C Ward (7)
7 -434 QUICK REACTION 33 (B,F) Mrs E Heath 10-11-12 Simon Andrews (3)
8 TRIPWIRE 1361F C Mason 10-11-8 ... M Gingell (7)

5-4 Mandraki Shuffle, 7-2 Quick Reaction, 4-1 As You Were, Gee-A, 14-1 others.

3.40 RENOAK EVENT CATERERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,397: 2m 5f) (10)

1 1436 ARTFUL ABBOT 37 (B,D,F,G,S) S Sherwood 9-11-10 A S Smith
2 2223 GALLANT EFFORT 47 (S) S Dow 5-11-9 ... J Duggan
3 112- MOMSER 558 (C,F,G,S) M Ryan 7-11-9 ... J Ryan
4 0165 STRIDING EDGE 139 (C,F,G) J Jenkins 8-11-5 ... Gee Armytage
5 2302 SCARLET EXPRESS 24 (C,G,S) B Richmond 6-11-2 Mr T Byrne (7)
6 6004 KNIGHTS 49 (V,G) C Broad 7-11-0 ... V Slattery (3)
7 21P0 BADASTAN 23 (D,G) T Tate 4-10-9 ... G Bradley
8 2502 TRUMPET 24 J O'Shea 4-10-2 ... Mr N Bradley (7)
9 5-23 STRAIGHT LACED 34 (B) P Clarke 6-10-0 ... Leesa Long (7)
10 5334 RUSSINSKY 20 G Bravery 6-10-0 ... R J Beggan

4-1 Artful Abbot, 5-1 Momser, 6-1 Badastan, Gallant Effort, 8-1 Knights, Scarlet Express, Striding Edge, 12-1 Straight Laced, Trumpet, 16-1 Russinsky

4.15 ROBERT HOARE MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,200: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 3-11 TRUST THE GYPSY 20 (F,G) J Dufosee 11-12-3. M Felton (7)
2 P'4- DROMIN LEADER 335 (S) J Turner 8-11-11 Miss Z Turner (7)
3 /05/ FINE TUDOR 879 Mrs E Heath 7-11-11 Simon Andrews (3)
4 200- HIGHLAND LAIRD 473 H Hill 9-11-11 ... J Henderson (7)
5 -12P SOME OBLIGATION 25 (D,F,G,S) J Upson 8-11-11. T Byrne (7)
6 /U SURJAY 24 (B) D Mills 8-11-11 ... M Watson (7)
7 4PU- WISE GAMBOL 357 (CD,F,G) S Steam 14-11-11 . S Steam (7)
8 0 DARLING ELLEN 9 T Fowler 6-11-6 ... T Fowler (7)

11-10 Trust The Gypsy, 6-4 Some Obligation, 10-1 Dromin Leader, 12-1 others.

4.50 BETTY CASSELL MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,113: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 6440 DERAB 39 (B,G,S) S Sherwood 7-11-10 ... A S Smith
2 3412 LOVE ANEW 13 (CD,F,G) M Dixon 8-11-6 ... J Duggan
3 F262 FIGHTING JESSICA 23 (CD,BF,G) J Upson 8-11-4 Mr T Byrne (7)
4 2122 DUO DROM 12 (C,BF,G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-12 ... G Bradley
5 22-P LONTANO 95 (G,S) M Ryan 11-10-9 ... J Ryan
6 3351 ROYAL FLAMINGO 20 (D,F,S) G Bravery 7-10-7 ... R J Beggan
7 P055 GOLD SHAFT 13 (F,G) R Ledger 10-10-2 ... Mrs N Ledger

7-2 Duo Drom, 4-1 Fighting Jessica, 5-1 Derab, Royal Flamingo, 6-1 others.

5.25 ST JOHN AMBULANCE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,070: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 0011 SALMAN 16 (CD,F,G) Mrs V Ward 7-12-0 ... P Moore (7)
2 2311 ELEGANT FRIEND 24 (CD,G,S) M Tompkins 5-11-4 P Smith Eccles (7)
3 1120 FAVOURED VICTOR 12 (CD,G,S) K Morgan 6-11-3 .. A S Smith
4 220P STRONG JOHN 74 F Murphy 5-10-8 ... Mr Paul Murphy (7)
5 U115 JOLI'S GREAT 11F (D) M Ryan 5-10-4 ... J Ryan
6 PP01 CHEVELEY DANCER 12 (D,S) A Denson 5-10-3 ... G Bradley
7 5622 ANTIGUAN FLYER 14 (D) J Bostock 4-10-2 ... R J Beggan

11-4 Elegant Friend, 7-2 Salman, 5-1 Favoured Victor, Joli's Great, 8-1 Antiguan Flyer, Strong John, 10-1 Cheveley Dancer.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER
2.30 Elite Leo. 3.00 Norstock. 3.30 Wingspan. 4.00 Storm Drum. 4.30 Kingfisher Bay. 5.00 Fotoexpress.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

2.30 HOLIDAY MAIDEN CHASE (£1,876: 2m 2f) (12 runners)

1 -PF4 ASHMAE 20 A Neaves 11-11-7 ... M Hourigan (3)
2 0-5P ATHASSEL ABBEY 156 (B) Miss L Bower 7-11-7 ... M Hoad
3 -P63 BECTIVE BOY 52 (F) Miss L Bower 11-11-7 Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
4 P030- BE PATIENT MY SON 338 Miss C Caroe 12-11-7 ... D Morris
5 P-23F ELITE LEO 20 (BF) P Hobbs 8-11-7 ... Peter Hobbs
6 PP04 FLYING FINISH 63 G Graham 8-11-7 ... J Akehurst
7 SHARPSIDE J White 6-11-7 ... B Clifford
8 PU32 SINGING SPEAR 21 G Humphrey 8-11-7 ... A Tory
9 3P-3 TAMMY'S FRIEND 77 Mrs J Pitman 6-11-7 ... I Lawrence
10 0P-P TICONDEROGA 154 D Nicholson 7-11-7 ... R Bellamy
11 06FP HOT LASS 21 J Bridger 7-11-2 ... G Moore
12 0UP0 SHARED FORTUNE 25 W Kemp 5-11-0 ... K Jones

11-4 Tammy's Friend, 7-2 Elite Leo, 4-1 Singing Spear, 7-1 Sharpside, 10-1 Bective Boy, 12-1 Flying Finish, 14-1 Ticonderoga, 16-1 others

3.00 EASTER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,381: 2m 4f) (12)

1 2306 JUST BLAKE 188 (CD,F,G) R Hoad 12-11-10 ... M Hoad
2 1213 NORSTOCK 40 (D,F,G,S) J White 6-11-10 ... K Comerford (7)
3 0-40 CARPET CAPERS 33 (C,D,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 9-11-6 M Hourigan (3)
4 0622 DESERT PALM 24 (BF,F,G) R Hodges 8-10-11 ... A Tory
5 0562 THE YOMPER 33 (G,S) R Curtis 11-10-9 ... D Morris
6 PP12 LYPH 6F (C,D,BF,F,G) P Hedger 7-10-9 ... R Bellamy
7 4230 MASROUG 2 A Moore 6-10-5 ... G Moore
8 0UF0 TALUS 11 (V,F) J Bosley 9-10-2 ... A Procter (5)
9 224F DECIDING BID 6F (C,F,G) J Long 7-10-0 ... R Rowell
10 6P0P SAN FRANCISCO JOE 12 A Denson 9-10-0 ... Peter Hobbs
11 -050 SPRING FORWARD 24 (B,F) Miss K George 9-10-0. I Lawrence
12 -46P SUKEY TAWDRY 5 R Bennett 7-10-0 ... W Elderfield

3-1 Lyph, 7-2 Norstock, 5-1 Carpet Capers, 6-1 Desert Palm, 7-1 Masroug, 10-1 The Yomper, Just Blake, 12-1 Talus, 16-1 others

3.30 EASTER CLAIMING CHASE (£1,749: 2m) (8)

1 0464 MASTER COMEDY 83 (B,F,S) Miss L Bower 9-12-0 Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
2 F44P WINGSPAN 26 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 9-12-0 ... Peter Hobbs
3 6423 AL HASHIMI 38 (D,F,G) D Nicholson 9-11-10 ... R Bellamy
4 P605 WINNING DANCER 49 (S) Miss L Bower 10-11-6 ... B Clifford
5 550- WOLFHANGAR 343 (D,F,G,S) Miss C Caroe 11-11-2 I Lawrence
6 22P3 FIGHTING DAYS 21 (C,F) A Moore 7-10-10 ... G Moore
7 442P GABISH 25 (CD,F,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-10-10 ... M Hourigan (3)
8 2312 GENERAL MERCHANT 20 (B,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 13-10-10 A Tory

6-4 Wingspan, 7-4 Al Hashimi, 10-1 Fighting Days, 12-1 General Merchant, 16-1 Wolfhangar, 20-1 others.

4.00 JOHN HARE MAIDEN FOUR YRS OLD HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,481: 2m 1f) (11)

1 5620 COURT ROOM 42 A Moore 11-0 ... G Moore
2 4000 LER CRU 2 J Ffitch-Heyes 11-0 ... M Hourigan (3)
3 0 LLOYDS DREAM G D Shaw 11-0 ... Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
4 2053 SIMPLY 61 F O'Mahony 11-0 ... E Murphy
5 43 STORM DRUM 56 K Bailey 11-0 ... A Tory
6 SYMMETRICAL 27F (B) J Akehurst 11-0 ... Peter Hobbs
7 P4 ARCADIAN PRINCESS 38 B Byford 10-9 ... I Lawrence
8 P CUPID'S COURAGE 83 Mrs L Jewell 10-9 ... J White
9 40 INDIAN SWALLOW 61 D Nicholson 10-9 ... R Bellamy
10 0P LIGHT O'THE MILL 20 Miss L Bower 10-9 ... A Procter (5)
11 5060 SWIFT CONVEYANCE 17 W Kemp 10-9 ... K Jones

2-1 Simply, 5-2 Storm Drum, 5-1 Indian Swallow, 8-1 Swift Conveyance, 10-1 Court Room, 14-1 Ler Cru, 16-1 others.

4.30 ALFRISTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,651: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 U331 SANDYBRAES 16 (F,G) D Nicholson 8-11-10 ... R Bellamy
2 4033 KINGFISHER BAY 20 (CD,F,G) J White 8-11-7 ... B Clifford
3 5R8P TROUBADOUR BOY 96 T Thomson Jones 7-11-2 .. Peter Hobbs
4 06/0 FALSIDE 49 G Humphrey 9-11-0 ... A Tory
5 P4PP ROCKY VULGAN 96 (B) Miss L Bower 10-11-0. M Hourigan (3)
6 P5F3 VICTORY GATE 48 (G) A Moore 8-11-0 ... G Moore

6-4 Sandybraes, 7-4 Kingfisher Bay, 6-1 Victory Gate, 8-1 Falside, 10-1 Troubadour Boy, 25-1 Rocky Vulgan.

5.00 MANHATTAN BOY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,010: 2m 4f) (11)

1 1311 MENEBUCK 2 (CD,G) Lady Herries 7-12-5 (6ex) Mr Andrew Lillingston (7)
2 42-4 APOLLO KING 17 (CD,F) P Mitchell 7-12-0 ... Mr R Teal
3 1114 FOTOEXPRESS 30 (CD,G,S) R Rowe 5-11-7 Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
4 P215 CARFAX 34 (B,D,G,S) R Hoad 8-11-4 ... M Hoad
5 2-02 CLEVER DICK 51 (V,S) A Moore 8-10-4 ... G Moore
6 0524 MANHATTAN BOY 21 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 11-10-1 M Hourigan (3)
7 UF04 HATS HIGH 68 (B,G,S) F Gray 8-10-0 ... M Crosse
8 5413 JOKER JACK 2 (F,S) R Dean 8-10-0 ... A Procter (5)
9 3604 KINO 49 (V,G,S) S Sherwood 6-10-0 ... R Bellamy
10 -404 VILLA PARK 34 (F,S) G Wareham 11-10-0 ... L Dace (7)
11 5360 TALAB 11 (C,F) R Bennett 8-10-0 ... W Elderfield

3-1 Menebuck, 4-1 Fotoexpress, 5-1 Manhattan Boy, 6-1 Clever Dick, 8-1 Apollo King, 10-1 Joker Jack, 12-1 Carfax, 14-1 Kino, 16-1 others.

Right Win earns Guineas chance

RICHARD Hannon could not praise Right Win enough after the colt's clear-cut victory in the Bonusprint Easter Stakes at Kempton on Saturday.

The even-money favourite was sent on over two furlongs out by John Reid and beat Arman's Sax by six lengths, with Star Manager a neck away in third.

Right Win is best priced at 40-1 with William Hill for the 2,000 Guineas on May 1. Ladbrokes have him at 33-1, while Corals quote 25-1.

Hannon said: "He's a good horse, I promise you. I couldn't be more delighted. He's one of my favourites and I wish I had another dozen like him at home. On this ground he is brilliant, but I don't suppose he'll get it on Guineas day."

The East Everleigh trainer has a fine record in the first of the colts' classics, having saddled the winner three times with Mon Fils, Don't Forget Me and Tyrol.

In the other classic trial, Nicer, already taken out of the 1,000 Guineas, romped away with the Bonusprint Masaka Stakes. Darryll Holland was last out of the stalls on the grey and tacked over to the stands' rails after turning into the straight.

Nicer, a 14-1 chance, took it up two furlongs from home and kept on well to hold Ajfan, the only filly in the field entered for the Guineas, by three-and-a-half lengths.

Winning trainer Barry Hills said: "The sum of £900 seemed a lot to pay for a Guineas entry at the time, but I suppose I must regret it to an extent now. But there are plenty of other races to be won with her. When the ground is soft it is always best under the rails and that was the plan."

He added: "The only time it didn't work was in an amateur race way back when I did it and was beaten by Fred Winter on the far side."

Tom Jones, trainer of Ajfan, said he was not too disappointed with his filly and she should take her chance in the 1,000 Guineas.

Dittman's visit in doubt

MICK Dittman's summer visit to Britain to ride for Robert Sangster is in jeopardy. On Friday, Dittman's wife, Maureen, underwent a seven-hour operation at a Sydney hospital to remove a brain tumour.

Dittman gave up all his booked rides over the weekend, and may now decide to remain in Australia in the coming months while his wife is convalescing.

The Dittmans have been married for 21 years but it was only 15 months ago that they had their first child, a son.

Dittman would have been attached to Peter Chapple-Hyam and the trainer said: "The understanding is that Dittman will contact me when he is ready. Until then John Reid will ride my horses and I shall continue to use him on a regular basis afterwards."

CARLISLE

THUNDERER
2.30 The Titan Ghost. 3.00 Kushbaloo. 3.30 Latour. 4.00 Portavogie. 4.30 Casual Pass. 5.00 York Imperial. 5.30 Amadeus.
Brian Beel: 5.00 York Imperial.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.30 BORDER COUNTIES HUNT CHALLENGE CUP MAIDEN HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,581: 2m 1f) (21 runners)

1 PP50 ALAMIR 6 (B) Mrs A Swinbank 5-12-0 ... C Wilson (7)
2 PP0 ALIAS GRAY 86 Mrs S Taylor 6-12-0 ... N Hardman (7)
3 0/P- BWANA SIMBA 541 K Oliver 8-12-0 ... D Parker (7)
4 40P0 CAPTAIN TEACH 67 P Monteith 7-12-0 ... J M Dun (5)
5 0F0F CARD PARTY 8 N Waggott 8-12-0 ... S Pittendrigh (7)
6 /000 DEEP DECISION 25 P Cheesbrough 7-12-0 ... A Thornton (5)
7 F403 GINGER PINK 21 (B) J Johnson 7-12-0 ... N Wilson (5)
8 503F LOVING OMEN 17 Miss Z Green 6-12-0 ... T Morrison (7)
9 6552 MARKED CARD 17 Mrs M Kendall 5-12-0 .. Mrs M Kendall (7)
10 3540 OTHER RANKS 33 P Dennis 5-12-0 ... R Hale (7)
11 REVEL 331F T Gibson 5-12-0 ... M Coglan (7)
12 P00- STILL DANCING 338 J Hubbuck 7-12-0 ... S Heslop (7)
13 00 THE TARTAN DYER 66 G Richards 6-12-0 ... R Ford (7)
14 55F5 DIZZY DEALER 6 Mrs J Jordan 6-11-9 ... N Miles (7)
15 /0-0 HIGHLAND RIVER 30 T Cuthbert 6-11-9 ... Mrs H Johnston (7)
16 350P JUST EVE 21 J Gledson 6-11-9 ... R Robinson (7)
17 000P RAP UP FAST 14 N Waggott 4-11-7 ... M Coglan (7)
18 5023 THE TITAN GHOST 16 S Coathup 4-11-7 ... J Beardsall (7)
19 LOUNGING J Haldane 4-11-2 ... D Mactaggart (5)
20 0000 MONTAGNE 16 S Coathup 4-11-2 ... B Gidman (7)
21 50 PREAMBLE 135 S Chadwick 4-11-2 ... D Swindlehurst (7)

5-2 The Titan Ghost, 3-1 Marked Card, 4-1 Ginger Pink, 6-1 others.

3.00 STUDHOLME DICKSON NOVICES CHASE (£1,990: 3m) (10)

1 2112 KUSHBALOO 32 (C,D,BF,F,S) C Parker 8-11-12 ... B Storey
2 P214 OVER THE STREAM 18 (D,BF,F) M Hammond 7-11-7 .. P Niven
3 5313 TRUELY ROYAL 17 (BF,G) J Charlton 9-11-7 ... T Reed
4 2UP0 VIVA BELLA 17 (B,C,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-7 ... K Doolan
5 FR00 BAWNRUADH 27 (B,G) T Dyer 8-11-0 ... A Linton (7)
6 4230 CLONONY CASTLE 14 (B) J J O'Neill 7-11-0 ... A Dobbin (3)
7 4FUP COURSE OF ACTION 75 P Beaumont 8-11-0 Mr A Thornton (5)
8 /P23 FORTH AND TAY 25 Mrs S Bradburne 11-11-0 .. P Williams (7)
9 3RUP KILCLOONEY FORREST 5 Mrs S Smith 11-11-0 ... A Orkney
10 F3U4 ROSEHIP 17 (B,F) P Cheesbrough 8-11-0 ... A Lamach (3)

4-5 Kushbaloo, 3-1 Viva Bella, 6-1 Over The Stream, Truely Royal, 14-1 others.

3.30 STUDHOLME DICKSON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,912: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 -002 LATOUR 4F (B) Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-10 ... C Dennis (3)
2 04P2 SPANISH FAIR 21 (BF,F) P Cheesbrough 5-11-9 Mr A Thornton (5)
3 4515 COLOUR COST 58 (C,BF,S) M Hammond 5-11-3 D Bentley (5)
4 0011 TRUMP 67 (D,G) C Parker 4-11-2 ... B Storey
5 6-65 WHO SIR 72 J J O'Neill 7-10-11 ... A Dobbin (3)
6 06P6 RING CORBITTS 51 D Eddy 5-10-10 ... Mr R Hale (7)
7 65-P KERRY TO CLARE 6 T Gibson 7-10-9 ... J Supple (7)
8 0045 RUN MILADY 54 (B) Mrs S Austin 5-10-5 ... D Wilkinson
9 -086 WHY NOT EQUINAME 126 J Johnson 5-10-4 ... A Orkney
10 U453 BEE DEE BOY 17 G Richards 5-10-0 ... B Harding (7)

2-1 Spanish Fair, 11-4 Trump, 4-1 Colour Cost, 11-2 Latour, 8-1 others.

4.00 JOHN DIXON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,826: 3m) (15)

1 P021 BOREEN OWEN 6 (CD,G,S) J J O'Neill 9-12-1 (5ex) A Dobbin (3)
3 P51P CAROUSEL ROCKET 6 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 10-11-1 D Bentley (5)
4 P1F4 BAVARD BAY 46 (S) G Richards 9-10-12 ... B Harding (7)
5 1F3U FUNNY OLD GAME 30 (D,S) D McCune 6-10-11 Mr A Thornton (5)
6 3440 KAMBALDA RAMBLER 62 (C,S) C Parker 9-10-10 ... B Storey
7 22U4 BUCKLE IT UP 52 (D,S) A Mactaggart 8-10-5 . Mr D Mactaggart
8 5354 ABERCROMBY CHIEF 25 (D,S) K Oliver 8-10-4 ... T Reed
9 3441 MISTER MOODY 16 (D,F,S) J Johnson 8-10-4 ... A Orkney
10 3/04 SCARNING DALE 14 (D,G,S) W Bentley 10-10-3 ... S Taylor (7)
11 -052 PORTAVOGIE 54 (D,G,S) C Parker 9-10-1 ... Mr D Parker (7)
12 5350 ABSALOR 14 (B,D,F) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-0 ... P Williams (7)
13 0P23 MAJIC RAIN 16 (D,G) G Coatsworth 8-10-0 ... K Doolan
14 6060 TROPENNA 14 (G) J Goulding 10-10-0 ... C Dennis (3)
15 664U EDDIES WELL 33 (F,S) Miss Z Green 10-10-0 ... Mr T Morrison

7-2 Boreen Owen, 4-1 Mister Moody, 11-2 Abercromby Chief, Portavogie, 8-1 Radical Lady, 10-1 Bavard Bay, Buckle It Up, Carousel Rocket, 14-1 others.

4.30 BBC RADIO CUMBRIA HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,887: 2m 1f) (10)

1 4205 SEON 6 (CD,F,G,S) W Bentley 7-12-0 ... A Orkney
2 -600 MARLINGFORD 6 (B,S) Mrs J Jordan 6-11-7 ... S Taylor (7)
3 1204 STRONG VIEWS 7 (F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 6-11-5 Mr A Thornton (5)
4 0250 TIMURS DOUBLE 17 (CD,F,G,S) W Sample 12-10-10 Mr C Sample
5 5026 BALLYLORD 6 (G,S) J J O'Neill 9-10-8 ... A Dobbin (3)
6 4/P0 SAN PIER NICETO 38 (G,S) M Hammond 6-10-7. D Bentley (5)
7 P51P CAITHNESS PRINCE 6 (CD,G) C Parker 7-10-2 Mr D Parker (7)
8 PR21 CASUAL PASS 7 (F,S) L Lungo 10-10-1 (5ex) ... T Reed
9 31-P BLACKDOWN 25 (F) T Dyer 6-10-0 ... P Harley
10 -000 JIM'S WISH 7 (B) T Cuthbert 5-10-0 ... Carol Cuthbert (7)

9-4 Seon, 11-4 Strong Views, 4-1 Casual Pass, 5-1 Ballylord, 7-1 Timurs Double, 10-1 San Pier Niceto, 14-1 others.

5.00 JOHN McKIE MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,116: 3m 2f) (7)

1 43-0 DUNDYVAN 7 S Leadbetter 11-12-7 ... R Shiels (5)
2 /F5- GO MILETRIAN 373 F Kirby 9-12-7 ... J Beardsall (7)
3 /F3 PRIDEAUX PRINCE 14 Miss C Dennis 7-12-7 ... P Atkinson (7)
4 0/F THE RIGHT GUY 38 P Needham 8-12-7 ... R Hale (7)
5 0/F5 WOT PET 8 T Gibson 10-12-7 ... M Coglan (7)
6 42-2 YORK IMPERIAL 34 Mrs R Spencer 12-12-7 ... P Gee (7)
7 6330 DOLITINO 14 Miss Z Green 9-12-2 ... T Morrison (7)

10-11 York Imperial, 11-4 The Right Guy, 9-2 Dundyvan, 7-1 Prideaux Prince, 8-1 Dolitino, 12-1 others

5.30 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,465: 2m 1f) (25)

1 2 AMADEUS 25 M Hammond 5-11-7 ... D Bentley (5)
2 0 CAVOLERIE 20 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-7 ... W Dwan (5)
3 0 FROZEN STIFF 25 M Hammond 5-11-7 ... S Taylor (7)
4 HIGH BURNISHOT C Parker 6-11-7 ... Mr D Parker (7)
5 IVY HOUSE J J O'Neill 5-11-7 ... A Dobbin (3)
6 0 JUST A LIGHT 32 L Lungo 5-11-7 ... F Perratt (7)
7 DAT COUTURE L Lungo 5-11-7 ... Mr C Ewart (7)
8 0 TRAP DANCER 25 B Mactaggart 5-11-7 ... C Dennis (3)
9 0 BALISTEROS 33 T Tate 4-11-2 ... W Fry (7)
10 BATTERY FIRED N Mason 4-11-2 ... J Supple (7)
11 CENANNUS BOY F Storey 4-11-2 ... James Jones (3)
12 COMPANY SECRETARY T Dyer 5-11-2 ... A Linton (7)
13 0 GREY ANCONA 16 C Tinkler 4-11-2 ... B Harding (7)
14 0 MANCHANT 25 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-2 ... Mr M Buckley (5)
15 MARCO-PIERRE N Alexander 4-11-2 ... Mr R Shiels
16 MOMENT OF PASSION F Jestin 5-11-2 ... Miss F Barnes (7)
17 0 NODFORMS INFERNO 16 D Eddy 4-11-2 ... Mr R Hale (7)
18 0 PEAT STACK 25 W Reed 4-11-2 ... Mr A Robson
19 4 SCOTTON BANKS 20 M H Easterby 4-11-2 Mr A Thornton (5)
20 SHATRAVIV J Charlton 5-11-2 ... A Lamach (3)
21 4 THOMAS RAND 25 M Dods 4-11-2 ... P Waggott (5)
22 WORLD WITHOUT END S Norton 4-11-2 ... Mr A Rebori
23 0 BANTEL BARGAIN 33 R Allan 4-10-11 ... P Williams (7)
24 DEEP RELATIONS J Wainwright 4-10-11 ... P Midgley (5)
25 4 MANETTIA 33 Mrs M Reveley 4-10-11 ... M Herrington (7)

6-4 Amadeus, 4-1 Manettia, 9-2 Scottish Banks, 11-2 Thomas Rand, 8-1 Ivy

HEREFORD

THUNDERER
2.30 Goldingo. 3.05 Knockelly Castle. 3.40 Skinnhill. 4.15 On The Sauce. 4.50 Star Of Italy. 5.25 Gaelgoir.
Brian Beel: 3.05 Knockelly Castle.

GOING: SOFT

2.30 ROSS-ON-WYE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,871: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1 3-21 GOLDINGO 81 (D,S) G Price 6-11-8 ... Mr D Duggan (7)
2 2-P4 AKIMBO 30 William Price 6-11-2 ... Mr C Vigors (7)
3 -PP6 BLAZING JOKER 33 R Lee 6-11-2 ... D Gallagher
4 60P0 FAIR PLUME 26 (F) Mrs A King 7-11-2 ... S McNeill
5 0504 FASTBIT 59 C Jackson 6-11-2 ... W Humphreys
6 PPFU LLES LE BUCFLOW 11 F Jordan 5-11-2 ... P Maddock (7)
7 30/8 MISTER JOLLY 156 A James 7-11-2 ... D Walsh (5)
8 0P4F EMMA VICTORIA 39 R Brotherton 5-10-11 ... D Bridgwater

2-5 Goldingo, 7-2 Akimbo, 14-1 Emma Victoria, 16-1 Fastbit, 20-1 others.

3.05 JAMES DALY HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,871: 2m 3f) (16)

1 2321 BEE GARDEN 13 (B,G,S) Mrs J Liston 12-12-10 Dr P Pritchard (7)
2 PP-6 CROCK-NA-NEE 18 (G,S) Mrs F Vigors 12-12-7 .. C Vigors (7)
3 3120 KNOCKELLY CASTLE 10 (D,F,G,S) J Trice-Rolph 13-12-7 T P Hyde (7)
4 P/P2 BILBROOK 13 (S) R Fear 11-12-0 ... C Bonner (7)
5 P-0U BLUE BOURBON 34 (S) P Bradley 9-12-0 ... B Leavy (7)
6 -2FP CWM GWAUN 9 (B) Mrs A Price 9-12-0 ... C Campbell (7)
7 -240 FOCUS ON FOSTER 194 (F) J King 11-12-0 ... C Taylor (7)
8 2/P6 HAPPY PADDY 13 B Sammers 10-12-0 ...
9 20R- INTARSIA 367 R Williams 9-12-0 ... J White (7)
10 B/54 MANGROVE 34 (S) Mrs J Bailey 9-12-0 ... E Bailey (7)
11 335- SMALLWOOD WILLET 559 (F) T Smithfield 13-12-0 G Baines (7)
12 P-54 SPACE PRINCE 8 R Phillips 12-12-0 ... M Sheppard (7)
13 045- WALK IN RHYTHM 348 (CD,F,S) Mrs A Price 12-12-0 M Jackson (7)
14 -FUP WIBBLE-WABBLE 13 (G) F Matthews 7-12-0 ... J Rice (7)
15 SFP/ KILCONNEY PRINCE 1176 Miss L Morgan 11-11-10 S Shinton (7)
16 U-PU AUGUST FOLLY 34 (F) P Andrews 13-11-9 ... D Duggan (7)

11-10 Knockelly Castle, 2-1 Bee Garden, 5-1 Bilbrook, 12-1 others.

3.40 NEWTON WILLIAMS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,948: 3m 1f 110yd) (11)

2 0/P0 VULGAN WARRIOR 27 (F,G) S Christian 11-11-6 M McGonagle (5)
3 3P0V FORMULA ONE 59 (S) J Edwards 11-11-3 ... Jody Davies (7)
4 4213 SKINNHILL 13 (B,D,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 9-10-11 D Bridgwater
5 532- GULDWAY 415 (F,B) Mrs M Rimell 10-10-10 Mr M Rimell (7)
6 /F-0 TUNS HILL 19 (D,S) R Dickin 11-10-10 ... Martin Jones
7 P64P SIR NODDY 13 (F) C Vernon Miller 10-10-9 ... D Walsh (5)
8 214P DIAMOND FORT 21 (D,S) J McConnochie 8-10-9 ... S McNeill
9 1/P- CORRAVORRIN 506 (F) S Christian 8-10-2 ... W Humphreys
10 55P2 SAM SHORROCK 9 (B,CD,G) G Thorner 11-10-0 Mr G Johnson Houghton
11 560U VALASSY 9 (G,S) J Edwards 10-10-0 ... Matthew Allen (7)

9-4 Bonzai Bud, 5-2 Skinnhill, 9-2 Sam Shorrock, 13-2 Guldway, 8-1 Diamond Fort, 14-1 Formula One, Vulgan Warrior, 16-1 Sir Noddy, 25-1 others

4.15 HOLIDAY SELLING HURDLE (£1,521: 3m 2f) (7)

1 1233 ON THE SAUCE 11 (B,F) M Pipe 6-11-8 ... D Richmond (5)
2 4452 BAYBEEJAY 23 (G) R Brotherton 6-11-3 ... D Bridgwater
3 55P3 GRAIN MERCHANT 30 F Yardley 7-11-2 ... D Gallagher
4 4FF3 RAGALOO 33 (B) C Broad 7-11-2 ... A Flannigan (7)
5 -005 FOUNTAIN OF FIRE 25 (V) L Codd 5-10-11 ... D Ford (7)
6 5-60 KEMALS DELIGHT 140 C Broad 6-10-11 ... Jacqui Oliver
7 0P54 LLANELLY 21 Graeme Roe 6-10-11 ... W Humphreys

1-3 On The Sauce, 7-2 Baybeejay, 6-1 Grain Merchant, 16-1 Ragaloo, 33-1 others

4.50 MARLBROOK NOVICE CHASE (£2,502: 2m) (5)

1 U160 FRISCO CITY 119 (G) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-10 . Mr M Rimell (7)
2 1BP3 STAR OF ITALY 54 (CD,S) A Turnell 6-11-10 ... S McNeill
3 P063 COUNTERPUNCH 2 A Forte 9-11-3 ... Mr M Smith
4 6/PP FOUR FROM THE EDGE 45 P Pritchard 10-11-3. Dr P Pritchard
5 6326 PROCTORS ROW 16 D McCain 6-11-3 ... D Walsh (5)

11-8 Star Of Italy, 7-4 Proctors Row, 7-2 Frisco City, 10-1 others

5.25 PETERSTOW NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,190: 2m 3f 110yd) (11)

1 4420 CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN 25 (G) R Brotherton 5-11-10 D Bridgwater
2 4351 BOOK OF RUNES 21 (V,G,S) J Edwards 8-11-4 .. N Williamson
3 2P01 POWER HAPPY 31 (F) F Yardley 8-10-9 ... D Gallagher
4 0033 ALICE SMITH 20 B Eckley 6-10-9 ... N Mann
5 0443 OH SO WINDY 48 Mrs A King 8-10-7 ... Martin Jones
6 P-31 GAELGOIR 128 (S) C Jackson 9-10-3 ... W Humphreys
7 655P RUSTIC FLIGHT 12 R Eckley 6-10-0 ... D Walsh (5)
8 0P0 KNIGHTSBRIDGE BC 59 (B) K Bailey 6-10-0 ... S McNeill
9 5006 SYDNEY BARRY 80 (C,S) R Buckler 8-10-0 ... Mr C Bonner (7)
10 2224 JARZON DANCER 14F (BF) D Wilson 5-10-0 A Shakespeare (7)
11 PPPP PEWTER PETA 45 (B) Graeme Roe 9-10-0 ... P Maddock (7)

5-2 Book Of Runes, 3-1 Gaelgoir, 4-1 Power Happy, 13-2 Captain My Captain

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Brittain confirms Sayyedati switch

By Julian Muscat

CLIVE Brittain confirmed yesterday that Sayyedati will make her seasonal reappearance in the group three Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket tomorrow. Brittain has switched the 1,000 Guineas favourite from her intended Newbury engagement because of the rain-softened ground at the Berkshire track.

Sayyedati, 6-4 for the opening classic with Ladbrokes, will be conceding weight to almost all her opponents in the trial. Recent heavy rain has forced Brittain's hand, however, and he intends to reroute another of his talented fillies, the Dewhurst Stakes fourth, Sueboog, to Newbury for the Fred Darling Stakes on Friday.

Walter Swinburn put both fillies through their paces at the end of last week, and will have the ride on each of them throughout the season. Brittain said: "Walter has been riding these fillies in all their recent work. Sueboog should enjoy the soft ground we are likely to get at Newbury and, provided she runs well, she will probably go for the French 1,000 Guineas or the Irish equivalent. We will look for the soft ground with her."

Rival trainers have been keeping their Nell Gwyn cards close to their chests, and Sayyedati's presence is likely to see a number of them take up other options.

Bashayer, supported again for the 1,000 Guineas over the weekend and now a 6-1 shot with Ladbrokes, holds an entry in the Free Handicap on Wednesday, while Luca Cumani has entered both Queen's View and the promising maiden, Stella Mystika, who holds an alternative engagement in the Geoffrey Barling Maiden Stakes on Wednesday.

Barathea heads an entry of 15 colts for Thursday's Craven Stakes, the highlight of the three-day fixture. The son of Sadler's Wells is an intended runner and is expected to improve on whatever he achieves in the one-mile test.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: American Swinger (5.10 Kempton)
Next best: Host (3.40 Kempton)

Zafonic's eclipse in France last week has opened the way for a new aspirant to head the betting list. Barathea, for his part, has been pleasing connections in his preparation.

Michael Roberts rode the colt in some lively work last week. He said of Shaikh Mohammed's standard-bearer: "This horse has excited me more than any other I've ridden this spring. He's a laid-back sort with a turn of foot: just my type, in fact."

Others nominated include Michael Stoute's Serious and Henry Cecil's Wharf, owned like Zafonic, by Khaled Abdulla. Wharf is also under consideration for the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday but Cecil's warning that the colt would probably not turn out on soft ground means the Craven is the more likely port of call.

Wharf is a 7-1 shot for the 2,000 Guineas with Ladbrokes, who keep Zafonic favourite at 2-1. Barathea can be backed at 5-1, although Corals make Cumani's charge favourite after taking Zafonic out of their lists.

Another Craven entry hoping to avoid soft ground is Peter Chapple-Hyam's Chaddleworth, winner of his only outing last season. Chapple-Hyam's wife, Jane, said yesterday: "Peter wanted to wait for Newbury, but he will now make a decision after racing at Newmarket on Tuesday. Chaddleworth hasn't run for a long time and we don't want to do to him what we did to Rodrigo De Triano this time last year."

Robert Sangster's colt could finish only fourth in sticky ground at Newbury before going on to victory in the classic. But his exertions in the trial took their toll to such an extent that he gave connections many anxious moments in the lead-up to Newmarket.



Trials of strength: Brittain, who runs Sayyedati at Newmarket and Sueboog at Newbury this week

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Kerrie-Jo. 2.35 Bardolph. 3.05 BAYSHAM (nap). 3.40 Host. 4.10 Night Jar. 4.40 Licorne. 5.10 Warm Spell.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 REDSHANK MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,289: 5f) (8 runners)

101 (5) ALZIANAH (Shaikh Amin Dahlawi) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ... D Harrison (3) –
102 (7) 2 ANTONIA'S FOLLY 14 (BF) (C Deuters) J Berry 8-11 ... G Carter –
103 (3) 5 EUROPHARM LASSIE 14 (K Higson) G Moore 8-11 ... B Rouse –
104 (8) FOOTSTEPS (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... A Munro –
105 (6) 2 KERRIE-JO 9 (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 8-11 ... R Cochrane –
106 (2) LIGHTNING BELLE (Mrs S Marks) M McCormack 8-11 ... J Reid –
107 (1) PIP'S DREAM (P Axon) M Ryan 8-11 ... D Biggs –
108 (4) RISKY (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 ... B Raymond –

BETTING: 5-2 Footsteps, 3-1 Risky, 7-2 Antonias Folly, 5-1 Kerrie-Jo, 14-1 Europharm Lassie, 16-1 others.

1992: SHELA'S SECRET 8-11 J Reid (12-1) W Carter 19 ran

2.35 HARCROS QUEEN'S PRIZE (Handicap: £8,025: 2m) (11 runners) C4

201 (4) 001360- BRANDON PRINCE 30J (B,D,F,G,S) (R B Michaelson) I Balding 5-9-10 R Cochrane 89
202 (1) 414361- BARDOLPH 168 (D,F,S) (G Meyrick) P Cole 6-9-9 ... T G McLaughlin (7) 94
203 (8) 10/6125- TOP SPIN 25J (C,F,G) (J Long) J Jenkins 4-9-9 ... S Whitworth 98
204 (7) 245011- ROBINGO 25J (B,F,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 4-9-7 ... A Munro 97
205 (6) 011523- SPECTACULAR DAWN 18J (F,S) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 4-9-4 ... J Reid 95
206 (11) 022060- REQUESTED 177 (D,F,G) (S Beccle) R Akehurst 6-9-3 ... G Carter 90
207 (2) 21000-1 WHITE WILLOW 12 (G) (Mrs H North) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-1 ... B Raymond 99
208 (10) 201311- IOTA 157 (D,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-13 ... M Roberts 97
209 (5) 040/6-21 TAROUDANT 10 (D,F) (G Farndon) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-10 ... L Piggott 96
210 (3) 321530- BROOM ISLE 191J (F) (V Guy) D Burchell 5-8-4 ... S Mulvey (7) 89
211 (9) 3124/0/ RODEO STAR 45J (F,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 7-7-9 ... B Doyle (5) –

BETTING: 9-2 Iota, 11-2 White Willow, 6-1 Taroudant, 7-1 Bardolph, 8-1 Robingo, 10-1 Brandon Prince, Requested, 12-1 Spectacular Dawn, Top Spin, 16-1 Rodeo Star, 20-1 Broom Isle.

1992: STAR QUEST 5-9-12 Pat Eddery (13-2) J Jenkins 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARDOLPH beat Quadrant 1l in 9-runner Lingfield (2m, stand) handicap. TOP SPIN 1l 2nd of 9 to Nijmegen in Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft) handicap. ROBINGO beat Castoret 3½l in 8-runner Newbury (1m 3f, soft) handicap. WHITE WILLOW beat Star Player head in 8-runner Catterick (1m 6f, good) handicap. IOTA beat Jack Button 1½l in 14-runner Doncaster (2m 110yd, good) handicap. TAROUDANT beat King William 3½l in 11-runner Beverley (2m, good to firm) handicap. BROOM ISLE ½l 3rd of 12 to Empire Blue in handicap here (1m 6f, good) with BRANDON PRINCE below-par 8th.
Selection: TAROUDANT

3.05 CRINKLEY BOTTOM HANDICAP (£5,005: 6f) (10 runners) C4

301 (10) 021006- HOW'S YER FATHER 168 (D,F,G,S) (Unity Farm) R Hodges 7-9-10 ... L Piggott 98
302 (4) 113060- SO RHYTHMICAL 177 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss C Barrow) G Eden 9-9-8 ... A Munro 95
303 (7) 544450- BODARI 156 (F,S) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-9-7 ... D Harrison (3) 93
304 (1) 1300-33 ASSIGNMENT 17 (D,F,G) (A Gorrie) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-9-5 ... R Cochrane 96
305 (2) 060400- BAYSHAM 181 (D,G,S) (W Butt) B Millman 7-9-4 ... M Roberts 92
306 (3) 126001- SURREY RACING 163 (C,D,F,G) (K Higson) G Moore 5-9-2 ... B Rouse 99
307 (6) 320/0 RICKY'S TORNADO 18 (BF) (B Cullen) D Elsworth 4-9-1 ... B Doyle (5) –
308 (5) 050005- TRUTHFUL IMAGE 114 (D,F,G) (P Axon) M Ryan 4-8-13 ... D Biggs 98
309 (8) 541006- EFRA 194 (D,F) (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 4-8-5 ... S Raymont 93
310 (9) 102052- FACE NORTH 149 (F,G) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 5-7-12 ... G Carter 93

BETTING: 9-2 Assignment, 5-1 Truthful Image, 11-2 Face North, 8-1 Bodari, How's Yer Father, 10-1 Baysham, Surrey Racing, 12-1 Efra, So Rhythmical, 16-1 Ricky's Tornado.

1992: OLIFANTSFONTEIN 4-8-11 W Ryan (20-1) B Simpson 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOW'S YER FATHER 3¼l 6th of 10 to Hard To Figure in Lingfield (6f, soft) handicap. BODARI 6¾l 5th of 17 to Gone Savage in Newbury (5f, soft) handicap with MACFARLANE 6¾l 12th and MASSIBA 17th. ASSIGNMENT 2½l 3rd of 11 to Gorinsky in Doncaster (6f, good to firm) handicap. BAYSHAM 2½l 7th of 20 to Branston Abby in Chepstow (5f, good) handicap with TRUTHFUL IMAGE 3½l 11th. SURREY RACING beat Guesstimation ½l in 20-runner Newmarket (6f, good to firm) handicap.
FACE NORTH head 2nd of 12 to Noble Power in Lingfield (6f, stand) handicap.
Selection: ASSIGNMENT

3.40 WESTMINSTER-MOTOR TAXI INSURANCE ROSEBERY RATED STAKES (Handicap: £12,792: 1m 2f) (9 runners) C4

401 (9) 140350- YOUNG FREEMAN 194 (D,F) (R Kirstein) G Harwood 4-9-7 ... B Raymond 94
402 (3) 206504- LUCKY GUEST 163 (D,F,G,S) (Windflower Overseas Inc) J Dunlop 6-9-4 L Piggott 97
403 (2) 01100-4 KNOCK KNOCK 16 (C,D,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 8-9-3 ... R Cochrane 91
404 (7) 145401- HOST 170 (D,F,S) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-9-1 ... M Roberts 96
405 (11) 22202/0 WELL APPOINTED 16 (F) (T Connors) A Hambly 4-8-9 ... J O'Reilly –
406 (1) 231051- YILDIZ 178 (D,F,G) (S Mino) B Hills 4-8-9 ... R Hills 99
407 (4) 032020- PELORUS 179 (D,F,S) (Miss V Owen) D Elsworth 8-8-8 ... D Harrison (3) 98
408 (8) 0203-31 SAAHI 27 (S) (M Peters) C Weedon 4-8-7 ... J Reid 91
409 (6) 620000- THE POWER OF ONE 234 (Mrs C Painting) R Simpson 4-8-7 ... – 87

Long handicap: Saahi 8-5, The Power Of One 7-13.

BETTING: 3-1 Lucky Guest, 9-2 Yildiz, Young Freeman, 11-2 Knock Knock, 6-1 Pelorus, 7-1 Host, 10-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LUCKY GUEST 5¾l 4th of 9 to Inner City in Newmarket (1m, good) listed race. KNOCK KNOCK beat Pharly Story a short-head in 10-runner Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) handicap. HOST beat Royal Seaton ¾l in 15-runner Newbury (1m 1f, soft) handicap.
WELL APPOINTED 11l 12th of 24 to High Premium in the Lincoln at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). YILDIZ beat Alyafill a neck in 5-runner Catterick (1m 4f, good) apprentice.
PELORUS 1¾l 2nd of 14 to Montpelier Boy in Newbury (1m 2f, good) handicap with YOUNG FREEMAN (4lb worse off) 5½l 5th.
Selection: LUCKY GUEST

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 QUAIL CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,517: 6f) (7 runners) C4

501 (6) 020521- NIGHT JAR 138 (D,G,S) (J Thomas) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-4 ... D Harrison (3) 90
502 (4) 100116- ROCKY WATERS 222 (D,F,G) (K Higson) G Moore 4-9-4 ... B Rouse 87
503 (5) 305000- BOLD LEZ 177 (D,F,G) (Ansells of Watford) M Haynes 6-9-3 ... R Cochrane 94
504 (7) 2/0011- A PRAYER FOR WINGS 280 (CD,F,G,S) (S Powell) J Sutcliffe 9-9-2 ... A Munro 91
505 (3) 131200- VENTURE CAPITALIST 177 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs J Harris) R Hannon 4-9-2 ... L Piggott 97
506 (2) 550020- DUPLICITY 205 (D,F,S) (J Khan) L Holt 5-9-0 ... J Reid 99
507 (1) 1-526 I'LLEAVEITOYOU 59 (R Hawthorn) S Dow 3-8-1 ... G Carter 82

BETTING: 9-4 Night Jar, 11-4 Venture Capitalist, 4-1 A Prayer For Wings, 6-1 Bold Lez, 13-2 Duplicity, 16-1 Rocky Waters, 25-1 I'lleaveitoyou.

1992: MISS NOSEY PARKER 3-8-4 M Roberts (100-30) R Hannon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

NIGHT JAR beat Tabac ½l in 9-runner Evry (6f 110yd, soft) listed race. ROCKY WATERS beat Shati 1½l in 18-runner Goodwood (7f, good to firm) handicap. BOLD LEZ best recent effort when 2l 5th of 23 to Master Planner in York (6f, good) handicap. A PRAYER FOR WINGS beat Easy Line ½l in 12-runner Doncaster (6f, good to firm) claimer. VENTURE CAPITALIST neck 2nd of 22 to Lochsong in Doncaster (5f 140yd, good) handicap. DUPLICITY ½l 2nd of 30 to Lochsong in Stewards Cup at Goodwood (6f, good). I'LLEAVEITOYOU 6½l 6th of 11 to Affirmed Minster at Cagnes-Sur-Mer (1m, good).
Selection: NIGHT JAR (nap)

4.40 FIFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,816: 1m 2f) (17 runners)

601 (15) 550000- CASHABLE 139 (R Tod Accountants) D Thom 9-0 ... S O'Gorman 86
602 (6) 00- CIRCUS COLOURS 179 (Exors of R McAlpine) J Dunlop 9-0 ... B Rouse 70
603 (1) 044- DANNY BOY 177 (I Twigden) R Hannon 9-0 ... L Piggott 80
604 (2) 0- ESERIE DE CORES 210 (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 9-0 ... C Hodgson (5) –
605 (16) 04- HATTA RIVER 202 (Shaikh Ahmad Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 ... A Munro 86
606 (3) ISLE OF PEARLS (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ... P D'Arcy –
607 (9) 0- PERO 210 (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0 ... M Roberts –
608 (11) PURPLE SPLASH (C Watford) P Makin 9-0 ... B Raymond –
609 (7) 0- REMEMBER THE NIGHT 306 (G Stanberg) M McCormack 9-0 ... G Carter –
610 (5) SMUGGLER'S POINT (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... J Reid –
611 (13) 3040- BALLON 211 (C Brittain) C Brittain 8-9 ... J Penza 90
612 (10) 4- LICORNE 186 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-9 ... W Ryan 99
613 (8) 03- MAGICAL RETREAT 154 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9 ... D Biggs 84
614 (4) 0- MASHAIR 193 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-9 ... R Hills 89
615 (14) 60- SEREN QUEST 236 (N Stewart) A Denson 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 83
616 (17) 0-5 SMOCKING 10 (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-9 ... R Cochrane –
617 (12) 0- YELLOW RATTLE 275 (Mrs H Calgety) W Hern 8-9 ... B Procter –

BETTING: 3-1 Licorne, 5-1 Danny Boy, Smuggler's Point, 13-2 Isle Of Pearls, 10-1 Hatta River, 12-1 Mashair, 14-1 Ballon, Pero, 20-1 Circus Colours, Magical Retreat, 33-1 others.

1992: ALLEGAN 9-0 W Ryan (13-8 fav) H Cecil 11 ran

5.10 CPM FIELD MARKETING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,611: 1m) (14 runners)

1 (6) 006- BOBBYSOXER 182 (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 9-7 ... J Reid 86
2 (1) 3260-1 MR VINCENT 14 (F) (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 9-5 ... D Harrison (3) 86
3 (11) 431-0 BEZIQUE 16 (B,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-3 ... M Roberts 99
4 (2) 000- SUPREME MASTER 210 (H Hopgood) R Hannon 9-1 ... B Raymond 80
5 (9) 000- MISTY SILKS 166 (P Axon) M Ryan 9-1 ... P McCabe (7) –
6 (10) 400052- SEA BARON 191 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 8-13 ... G Carter 91
7 (12) 60421-1 MR NEVERMIND 14 (F,G) (K Higson) G Moore 8-12 ... B Rouse 92
8 (7) 100421- WARM SPELL 192 (D,G) (K Higson) R Simpson 8-11 ... – 90
9 (8) 005- AMERICAN SWINGER 186 (Triple (Cr) Owners I) P Harris 8-8 ... R Cochrane 86
10 (14) 00602- MANON LESCAUT 188 (F Barnes) A Jarvis 8-2 ... L Newton (5) 93
11 (5) 46063-4 WITHOUT A FLAG 37 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-2 ... D Biggs 91
12 (3) 000-230 SCORCHER 16 (B Veak) C Brittain 8-1 ... J Penza 91
13 (13) 060- LUNAR RISK 181 (R Haim) W Muir 7-11 ... S McCarthy (7) 93
14 (4) 5000- BAULKING TOWERS 210 (Baulking Racing) M McCormack 7-7 Gina Faulkner (7) 75

BETTING: 4-1 Mr Nevermind, 9-2 Bezique, 8-1 Mr Vincent, 10-1 American Swinger, Warm Spell, 12-1 Sea Baron, 14-1 Supreme Master, Without A Flag, 16-1 Bobbysoxer, Manon Lescaut, Scorcher, 20-1 others.

1992: HOLIDAY ISLAND 8-8 M Roberts (12-1) C Brittain 18 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	7	28	25.0	A Munro	16	104	15.4
M Ryan	9	49	18.4	W Ryan	6	39	15.4
J Berry	5	28	17.9	M Roberts	20	155	12.9
W Hern	6	35	17.1	R Cochrane	19	171	11.1
J Gosden	13	78	16.7	J Reid	15	150	10.0
M Stoute	11	69	15.9	Only qualifiers			



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

KEMPTON PARK
C4

2.35: With testing ground assured, it should pay to support something with a recent outing under its belt. **Robingo** is fit from hurdling and won three times for Clive Brittain last season, the last time with some cut in the ground at Ascot. He can successfully revert to the Flat for Martin Pipe.

3.05: **Face North**, transferred to Reg Akehurst from Albert Davison towards the end of last season, can make the most of his low weight. He was narrowly beaten on the Lingfield all-weather track on his last start of 1992 and should handle today's conditions. He had most to fear from Efra and Assignment.

3.40: Barry Hills's bright start to the season may be continued by **Yildiz**, who has not yet shown what she is capable of. She signed off last term with victory in a graduation race at lowly Catterick, when she scrambled home by a neck in the hands of a 5lb claimer. Lucky Guest and Pelorus are the dangers.

4.10: ***Venture Capitalist*** faced some stiff tasks as a three-year-old and can make a winning reappearance at the expense of Night Jar.

FAIRYHOUSE
BBC1 and C4

3.55: Jenny Pitman's Royal Athlete is unquestionably well treated on his Gold Cup third and can take revenge on the second, Rushing Wild, on these terms and this ground.

With the going bottomless, the lightweights are certain to make this a severe test of stamina. Those at the top of the handicap face an uphill struggle even though some, like Cool Ground, are confirmed mudlarks.

For William is a sporting selection in a race where the winner is likely to come from the other end of the handicap. This consistent seven-year-old should relish the underfoot conditions.

JULIAN MUSCAT

Montelado's return delayed

MONTELADO, impressive winner of the Trafalgar Supreme Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival, will run next at Punchestown in preference to the Jameson Gold Cup Hurdle at Fairyhouse today.

Explaining his decision, Pat Flynn, his trainer, said: "Very soft ground can be as damaging as fast ground and I have decided to keep Montelado for the Punchestown festival."

Flynn's plans to aim the six-year-old at the Ebor Handicap at York in August may also have to be revised. Montelado would have to run in two more flat races to become eligible to run in the Ebor.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.20 Dances With Gold. 2.50 Matts Boy. 3.20 Brown's. 3.55 Tarnside Rosal. 4.30 Bella Parkes. 5.00 Local Heroine.

GOING: HEAVY SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 BLYTH TOWN BOYS CLUB MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,588: 1m 4f 93yd) (7 runners)

1 020- BACKSTABBER 168 J Scargill 9-0 ... N Day 6
2 430- TOTALLY UNIQUE 235 (V) M Bell 9-0 ... J Carroll 3
3 04-2 VAIGLY SUNTHYME 14 J Carr 9-0 ... S Morris 7
4 CARA'S PRIDE P Calver 8-9 ... N Connorton 4
5 CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY M H Easterby 8-9 ... M Birch 5
6 00-2 DANCES WITH GOLD 4 M Johnston 8-9 ... R P Elliott 1
7 4 KARIB 13 W Elsey 8-9 ... K Fallon 2

11-4 Totally Unique, 7-2 Backstabber, 4-1 Dances With Gold, 5-1 Vaigly Sunthyme, 7-1 Cumbrian Rhapsody, 10-1 Karib, 12-1 Cara's Pride.

2.50 BILLSMOOR FOOT ADVENTURE CENTRE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,243: 1m) (4)

1 00-0 SELF EXPRESSION 14 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-13 ... D Thomas (10) 1
2 540- MATTS BOY 33J (C,D,F,S) Miss S Hall 5-8-10 ... K Sked (7) 3
3 0-63 SOOTY TERN 10 (C,D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-8 ... M Bradley (8) 2
4 650- THROW AWAY LINE 40J R Barr 4-8-6 ... G Parkin 4

6-4 Sooty Tern, 2-1 Self Expression, 9-2 Matts Boy, 6-1 Throw Away Line.

3.20 ALNMOUTH HOLIDAY CENTRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,880: 1m) (8)

1 62-4 BROWN'S 16 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... Stephen Davies (5) 6
2 04-0 DUPLICATE 6 M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 2
3 5 NICKNAME 14 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... R Berry 7
4 PRINCE PALACIO M Camacho 9-0 ... N Connorton 3
5 0 RICH ASSET 17 C Booth 9-0 ... A Culhane 4
6 SHARAAR W Haggas 9-0 ... N Day 5
7 40- APACHE SQUAW 178 C Thornton 8-9 ... J Fanning 1
8 00- BROOMHOUSE LADY 168 M Johnston 8-9 ... R P Elliott 8

11-10 Brown's, 9-2 Nickname, 6-1 Apache Squaw, 8-1 Duplicate, 10-1 Rich Asset, 12-1 Sharaar, 14-1 Prince Palacio, 16-1 Broomhouse Lady.

3.55 NORTHUMBERLAND BOYS CLUBS NORTHERN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,855: 7f) (6)

1 010- SILVERLOCKS 186 (D,F,S) Miss S Hall 9-7 ... O Pears (5) 2
2 122- CHEVROTAIN 214 (V,D,G) J Watts 9-7 ... M Birch 6
3 330- WILLSHE GAN 167 (F) Denys Smith 9-4 ... K Fallon 3
4 453- TARNSIDE ROSAL 172 (C,F,G) J Etherington 8-3 ... J Carroll 5
5 13-2 HI NOD 9 (D,F,G) M Camacho 8-3 ... N Connorton 4
6 003- CUTTHROAT KID 178 (B) S Norton 7-11 ... J Fanning 1

5-2 Hi Nod, 7-2 Willshe Gan, 4-1 Chevrotain, 5-1 Tarnside Rosal, 10-1 Silverlocks, 12-1 Cutthroat Kid.

4.30 EBF WILLINGTON QUAY BOYS CLUB MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,880: 5f) (6)

1 2 BELLA PARKES 16 (BF) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 2
2 BUSTLE'EM W Elsey 8-11 ... K Fallon 3
3 FLYING VISION J Carr 8-11 ... S Morris 6
4 3 PRECISION EDGE 13 R Fisher 8-11 ... D Nicholls 4
5 6 ROSIE VALENTINE 16 S Norton 8-11 ... O Pears (5) 5
6 SINNERS REPRIEVE M H Easterby 8-11 ... M Birch 1

4-5 Bella Parkes, 7-2 Sinners Reprieve, 6-1 Bustle'em, 8-1 Rosie Valentine, 10-1 Precision Edge, 16-1 Flying Vision.

5.00 NEWBIGGIN HALL BOYS CLUB HANDICAP (£2,880: 5f) (5)

1 030- BEST EFFORT 131 (D,F,S) M Naughton 7-10-0 ... K Fallon 1
2 212- FIRST OPTION 205 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 3-10-0 ... S Maloney (3) 2
3 166- LOCAL HEROINE 193 (D,F) J Berry 3-9-12 ... J Carroll 3
4 2-06 MISS MOVIE WORLD 13 (D,S) N Bycroft 4-9-6 ... D Nicholls 5
5 5620 HINARI VIDEO 13 (D,G,S) M Johnston 8-8-11 ... J Fanning 4

9-4 First Option, 11-4 Miss Movie World, 7-2 Local Heroine, 6-1 Best Effort, Hinari Video.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.10 Miss Risky. 2.40 Kelly Mac. 3.10 Unveiled. 3.45 Barik. 4.15 Azzilfi. 4.45 Mizyan.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Barik.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 EASTER EGG SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,070: 5f 13yd) (8 runners)

1 ENTENTE CORDIALE W Muir 8-11 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 2
2 BESSIE'S WILL D Haydn Jones 8-6 ... M Wigham 8
3 BEV'S FOLLY J Berry 8-6 ... W Carson 1
4 MISS RISKY R Hannon 8-6 ... L Dettori 3
5 54 ROCKABYE BAILEYS 11 M Johnston 8-6 ... Dean McKeown 4
6 ROSE OF GLENN B Palling 8-6 ... J Quinn 7
7 0 THE KAMIKAZE QUEEN 9 B Meehan 8-6 ... R Perham 5
8 3 XAMDIVAD 10 S Norton 8-6 ... M Wood 8

2-1 Bev's Folly, 5-2 Miss Risky, Xamdivad, 8-1 Rockabye Baileys, 10-1 others.

2.40 ROBIN HOOD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,872: 5f 13yd) (7)

1 633- BELLSABANGING 186 D Laing 9-0 ... J Quinn 6
2 60-5 CHICAGO 10 C Tinkler 9-0 ... G Duffield 5
3 042- KELLY MAC 196 N Callaghan 9-0 ... W Carson 4
4 0- CRIME OFTHECENTURY 215 P Cole 8-9 ... T Quinn 2
5 20 HALL BANK COTTAGE 6 M Johnston 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 1
6 000- MUSICAL TIMES 131 Mrs N Macauley 8-9 ... F Norton (3) 7
7 400- MY FOXY LADY 146 D Haydn Jones 8-9 ... M Wigham 3

6-4 Kelly Mac, 2-1 Crime Ofthecentury, 9-2 Bellsabanging, 7-1 others.

3.10 FAMILY DAY OUT HANDICAP (£3,339: 6f 15yd) (19)

1 44-0 NO QUARTER GIVEN 6 (C,D,F,G,S) P Felgate 8-10-0 G Duffield 1
2 200- LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 184 M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-11 R Perham 16
3 00-3 SUPER ROCKY 6 (F) R Bastiman 4-9-9 ... H Bastiman (7) 12
4 31-0 NOBLE POWER 16 (D,G) B Palling 4-9-9 ... L Dettori 19
5 00-0 ELTON LEDGER 10 (D,G) A Scott 4-9-6 ... J Tate (7) 7
6 -001 UNVEILED 11 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 5-9-2 ... W Carson 14
7 10- HONEY SEEKER 210 (S) T Thomson Jones 4-9-2 ... K Darley 5
8 106- ABIGAILS BOY 343 (D,S) J Scargill 4-9-0 ... G Hind 17
9 040- GREY CHARMER 163 (D,F,G) C James 4-8-11 ... Dale Gibson 8
10 4153 STRIP CARTOON 11 (B,CD,S) S Bowring 5-8-8 G Strange (7) 18
11 5082 TOSHIBA COMET 7 (B,D,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 6-8-8 ... J Quinn 15
12 4303 BLYTON STAR 18 K Burke 5-8-4 ... S Webster 11
13 24-0 TAKE IT IN CASH 16 R Dickin 4-8-4 ... T Quinn 2
14 000- TWILIGHT FALLS 165 (CD,F,S) M Camacho 8-8-4 ... L Charnock 10
15 005- HIGHBORN 160 P Felgate 4-8-3 ... M Wigham 6
16 00-4 GREAT HALL 13 (D) P Cundell 4-8-1 ... A Mackay 9
17 05-2 WELL BOUGHT 67 C Lines 4-7-11 ... F Norton (3) 4
18 08/ HARRY'S GEM 550J Miss A Whitfield 5-7-11 ... Darren Moffatt (7) 3
19 00-0 BARBEZIEUX 14 (F,S) D Wilson 6-7-7 ... Sharon Millard (7) 13

4-1 Unveiled, 11-2 Super Rocky, 6-1 Great Hall, 7-1 Strip Cartoon, 8-1 Well Bought, 10-1 Take It In Cash, 12-1 Twilight Falls, 14-1 others.

3.45 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (3-Y-O: £4,045: 1m 54yd) (10)

1 401- BARIK 188 (S) A Stewart 9-7 ... W Carson 7
2 00-4 UMBUBUZI 16 (G) F Lee 8-13 ... S Perks 5
3 0-05 ASTRAC TRIO 19 S Norton 8-11 ... F Norton (3) 4
4 02-3 KOA 14 (BF) M Heaton-Ellis 8-8 ... T Quinn 3
5 66-1 SPRING SIXPENCE 14 (F) J Fanshawe 8-6 ... G Duffield 9
6 250- WOLF POWER 172 T Thomson Jones 8-5 ... K Darley 8
7 000- SILKY HEIGHTS 156 M Camacho 8-3 ... L Charnock 1
8 550- DIVINE RAIN 168 J Payne 8-3 ... J Quinn 10
9 000- LEGAL ARTIST 158 N Graham 7-11 ... Dale Gibson 6
10 000- BOISTEROUS 210 W Muir 7-7 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 2

9-4 Spring Sixpence, 4-1 Barik, 6-1 Koa, Umbubuzi, 8-1 Astrac Trio, Wolf Power, 10-1 Silky Heights, 14-1 Divine Rain, Legal Artist, 25-1 Boisterous.

4.15 EASTER BONNET CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,318: 1m 1f 213yd) (7)

1 133- SHARJAH 183 (S) M Jarvis 9-0 ... G Duffield 2
2 01- DYAB 181 (S) P Walwyn 8-12 ... W Carson 7
3 41- ALMAMZAR 207 (F) M Stoute 8-10 ... K Darley 1
4 21- AZZILFI 165 (C,S) J Dunlop 8-10 ... L Dettori 5
5 15- BUROOJ 185 (S) D Morley 8-10 ... Dean McKeown 3
6 510- FRESCADE 141 (CD,F) P Cole 8-10 ... T Quinn 6
7 24-3 NURYANDRA 9 (F) G Wragg 8-5 ... F Norton (3) 4

9-4 Nuryandra, 11-4 Sharjah, 9-2 Dyab, 6-1 Azzilfi, Burooj, 10-1 Frescade, 12-1 Almamzar.

4.45 EASTER BUNNY HANDICAP (£3,339: 1m 6f 15yd) (18)

1 43-0 HIT THE FAN 13 R Charlton 4-9-10 ... L Dettori 4
2 14-2 MIZYAN 10J J Banks 5-9-8 ... F Norton (3) 10
3 08-0 HONEY DANCER 94 (D,F,S) Miss A Whitfield 9-9-6 R Perham 7
4 4242 HUNTING GROUND 53 A Bailey 5-9-1 ... J Quinn 11
5 8-22 THE KARAOKE KING 11 (B,BF,F) R Hannon 4-8-13 ... T Quinn 9
6 -304 FIRST FLING 87 J Scargill 4-8-13 ... G Hind 2
7 3063 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 13 (F,G) M Brittain 6-8-13 ... M Wigham 13
8 034- NOTABLE EXCEPTION 23J Mrs M Reveley 4-8-12 ... K Darley 16
9 16-4 JANISKI 16 (V,C,D,F,G) Mrs B Waring 10-8-11 ... S Webster 6
10 000- FULL QUIVER 165 (V,F) Mrs B Waring 8-8-10 ... G Duffield 12
11 05/0 ICE MAGIC 10 (C,G) F Yardley 6-8-10 ... Dean McKeown 15
12 0/03 GEE DOUBLE YOU 86 (F) D Haydn Jones 7-8-5 Dale Gibson 17
13 00-0 CORINTHIAN GOD 6 (F,G) D Wilson 4-8-1 Sharon Millard (7) 3
14 280- WHITE RIVER 231 (F) D Haydn Jones 7-8-0 ... A Mackay 5
15 466- ENFANT DU PARADIS 96J (G) P Evans 5-7-13 ... W Carson 18
16 000/ HYDEONIUS 510J (CD,F,G,S) C Tinkler 8-7-11 ... L Charnock 1
17 00-4 PONDERED BID 19 (B,CD,G,S) Pat Mitchell 9-7-11 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 8
18 65/0 ROCKY ROMANCE 13 R Curtis 6-7-7 ... N Gwilliams (5) 14

9-4 Mizyan, 4-1 Hit The Fan, 8-1 Janiski, 9-1 The Karaoke King, 10-1 Gee Double You, 12-1 Hunting Ground, First Fling, Eire Leath Sceal, 14-1 others.

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1.45 Bearall. 2.15 Lord Chickney. 2.45 Sie Amato. 3.15 Hobey Cat. 3.45 Alderbrook. 4.15 Slip-A-Snip. 4.45 Moon Carnival.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 LORD CHICKNEY (nap). 3.45 Alderbrook.

GOING: SOFT
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.45 LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,054: 5f) (9)

1 4 BEARALL 16 R Hannon 8-11 ... A McGlone 1
2 CARRIE KOOL A Hide 8-11 ... W Woods 3
3 COLNE VALLEY R Johnson Houghton 8-11 ... A Tucker (3) 2
4 3 FLAIR LADY 14 W Turner 8-11 ... T Sprake 6
5 GRANMAS DELIGHT K Ivory 8-11 ... G Bardwell 4
6 HOLLINGTON SONG B Meehan 8-11 ... W Newnes 5
7 IMPERIAL BAILIWICK M Usher 8-11 ... N Adams 7
8 0 MAIDEN EFFORT 16 N Wright 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 8
9 MONKEY MONEY J Berry 8-11 ... M Hills 9

11-8 Bearall, 11-4 Monkey Money, 4-1 Flair Lady, 10-1 Maiden Effort, 16-1 Colne Valley, 25-1 others.

2.15 WEST MIDLANDS CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,143: 7f) (6)

1 16- LORD CHICKNEY 192 (D,S) J Gosden 4-9-4 ... D Holland 2
2 3-51 TYRONE FLYER 12 (D,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-0 ... N Carlisle 1
3 BRIGADE 380 D Loder 4-8-11 ... M Tebbutt 3
4 100- LOUISVILLE BELLE 199 (D,G) M Usher 4-8-11 ... N Adams 5
5 /00- THOUSLA ROCK 156 (F) P Chapple-Hyam 4-8-11 Paul Eddery 4
6 302- POWERFUL EDGE 310 (F) I Balding 4-8-10 ... M Hills 6

4-5 Lord Chickney, 5-2 Powerful Edge, 8-1 Brigade, Thousla Rock, 20-1 others.

2.45 BBC CWR HANDICAP (£3,417: 1m 2f 169yd) (19)

1 2305 SINCLAIR LAD 10 (D,F,S) R Hodges 5-9-10 ... S Drowne (7) 15
2 400- CONSTRUCTIVIST 2J (B) M Barraclough 4-9-9 C Hawksley (7) 9
3 0/0- DYD 21J (G) F Jordan 5-9-2 ... W Newnes 10
4 000/ HIGHLY SECURE 422J M Pipe 6-9-1 ... Paul Eddery 17
5 600- FIRST HEIRESS 279 Lady Herries 4-8-13 ... A Clark 14
6 455- VANUATU 9J T Thomson Jones 4-8-12 ... N Adams 4
7 00-8 SIE AMATO 35 J Wilson 4-8-11 ... J Fortune 19
8 000- RED JACK 70J J Akehurst 4-8-9 ... D Holland 18
9 230- IRISH GROOM 224 (B,G) J Smith 6-8-5 ... A Garth (5) 16
10 0/0- RAGTIME SONG 33J R Akehurst 4-8-4 ... A McGlone 3
11 000- CRYSTAL STONE 179 T Thomson Jones 3-8-4 A Tucker (3) 11
12 2460 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 14 (B) A Reid 6-8-4 ... E Johnson 7
13 00-5 SKIMMER HAWK 14 Bob Jones 4-8-3 ... N Carlisle 1
14 301- DRINKS PARTY 34J (CD,F,S) M Charles 5-8-1 ... J Lowe 2
15 /51- GILBERT'S GIRL 419 C Hill 6-8-0 ... N Kennedy (5) 5
16 0620 TENAYESTELIGN 10 (G) D Marks 5-7-13 ... S Dawson 8
17 /00- LEGUARD EXPRESS 136J (B) O O'Neill 5-7-11 D Wright (7) 12
18 00/3 GEBLITZT 10 J Long 9-7-9 ... Wendy Jones (7) 6
19 0-00 SAIF AL ADIL 13 K Ivory 4-7-8 ... G Bardwell 13

9-2 Highly Secure, 5-1 Tenayestelign, 11-2 Gilbert's Girl, 8-1 Ragtime Song, Sie Amato, 10-1 Geblitzt, 12-1 Applianceofscience, Drinks Party, 20-1 others.

3.15 EASTER CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 4f 115yd) (11)

1 5-00 MR GENEAOLOGY 18 (B) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ... A Tucker (3) 10
2 30-3 PONDERING 6 S Dow 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 4
3 1626 ANN HILL 5 R Hollinshead 8-8 ... M Humphries (7) 7
4 -006 MOUNTAIN WILLOW 42 (V) Lord Huntingdon 8-8 ... W Newnes 5
5 OLIVIA VAL C Hill 8-8 ... M Kennedy (3) 6
6 003- KIAWAH 171 J Fanshawe 8-6 ... G Bardwell 11
7 0-45 MRS SNUGGS 74 M Tompkins 8-6 ... P Robinson 1
8 606- HOBEY CAT 149 M Pipe 8-5 ... M Hills 3
9 00-0 BEYOND THE LIMIT 13 D Marks 8-4 ... S Dawson 8
10 56-6 KESANTA 13 W Turner 8-2 ... S Lanigan (7) 2
11 000- MERITRE 182 P Murphy 8-2 ... N Adams 9

6-5 Hobey Cat, 4-1 Ann Hill, 5-1 Mountain Willow, 11-2 Kiawah, 12-1 Mrs Snuggs, 14-1 Mr Geneaology, 20-1 others.

3.45 HIGH TENSILE BOLTS HANDICAP (£3,348: 1m 2f 169yd) (10)

1 45-5 MAD MILITANT 13 (F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-10 S Wynne (5) 6
2 21-1 ALDERBROOK 6 (G,S) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8 (5ex) ... Paul Eddery 7
3 00-2 MYFONTAINE 16 (CD,F,G,S) K Ivory 6-8-13 ... G Bardwell 5
4 -456 KATY'S LAD 6 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 6-8-12 ... J Fortune 3
5 543- MAPLE BAY 123 R White 4-8-12 ... M Hills 2
6 000- ACHELOUS 68J (V,D,S) J Glover 6-8-1 ... D Holland 9
7 600- SCENIC DANCER 214 (F,G) A Hide 5-8-0 ... W Woods 8
8 0651 MODESTO 9 (V,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-0 ... N Carlisle 1
9 -055 MARIETTE LARKIN 42 J Hetherton 4-7-8 ... NON-RUNNER 10
10 053- L'ACQUESIANA 257 (B) D Shaw 5-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 4

11-10 Alderbrook, 7-2 Myfontaine, 7-1 Modesto, 8-1 Katy's Lad, 12-1 Mad Militant, 16-1 Scenic Dancer, 20-1 others.

4.15 P J ROWAN HANDICAP (£3,236: 5f) (20)

1 040- MACFARLANE 172 (D,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 5-10-0 ... D Holland 9
2 06-3 JOE SUGDEN 9 (D,F,G,S) P Howling 9-9-1 ... W Newnes 16
3 4052 RUSHANES 8 (CD,S) T Casey 6-9-1 ... Paul Eddery 6
4 00-0 SLIP-A-SNIP 16 (D,F,S) K Bridgwater 6-9-0 ... A Tucker (3) 2
5 0400 LINCSTONE BOY 16 (B,D,F,S) K Burke 5-8-13 ... M Wood 3
6 0-10 TRIOMING 6 (B,CD,F) A Jones 7-8-12 ... A Clark 8
7 001- CONVENIENT MOMENT 169 (CD,G,S) J Berry 3-8-12 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 15
8 05-0 GANESHAYA 18 (B,D,G,S) M Barraclough 4-8-11 N Carlisle 12
9 05-2 COPPERMILL LAD 6 (D,F,S) L Holt 10-8-7 ... C Avery 10
10 2502 SIRMOOR 11 (V) R Hannon 4-8-7 ... A McGlone 17
11 3-40 BRIGHT PARAGON 72 (D,S) H Collingridge 4-8-6 ... C Hawksley (7) 2
12 015- GOODY FOUR SHOES 178 (D,F,S) C Hill 5-8-6 ... G Bardwell 11
13 -113 SPENDER 16 (BF) P Harris 4-8-5 ... N Adams 5
14 -540 PALACEGATE GOLD 27 (F) R Hodges 4-8-5 ... S Drowne (7) 7
15 0-02 HITCHIN A RIDE 16 (D,G) M Muggeridge 6-8-3 ... J Comber 14
16 08-0 JOHN O'DREAMS 16 (CD,S) Mrs J Dawe 8-8-3 ... T Sprake 18
17 /00- LET'S GO LOCHY 341 C Hill 7-8-3 ... P Robinson 13
18 3000 LOOTING 16 (F,G,S) M Usher 7-7-10 ... R Price 1
19 000- CLEAN GATE 245 (B) P Cundell 4-7-7 ... E Johnson 4
20 00-0 MISS PRECOCIOUS 14 D Shaw 5-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 19

9-2 Spender, 8-1 Rushanes, 9-1 Convenient Moment, Joe Sugden, 10-1 Macfarlane, 12-1 Slip-A-Snip, Coppermill Lad, Sirmoor, 14-1 others.

4.45 PEARL RUN LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,028: 1m 4f 115yd) (9)

1 5-02 ARC BRIGHT 7 R Hollinshead 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 8
2 400- CHIAPPUCCI 171 M Jarvis 8-11 ... K Rutter (5) 3
3 40-0 DOC SPOT 11 J Wilson 8-11 ... J Fortune 7
4 000- PAPER DAYS 196 P Murphy 8-11 ... A Dicks 6
5 603- SHYNON 180 M Tompkins 8-11 ... P Robinson 4
6 -400 THREEOFUS 13 K Ivory 8-11 ... G Bardwell 5
7 50-0 MOON CARNIVAL 16 Lady Herries 8-6 ... A Clark 1
8 0-60 PERSIAN STAR 42 K Cunningham-Brown 8-6 ... N Carlisle 2
9 00-4 STARLIGHT ROSE 6 C Horgan 8-6 ... A McGlone 9

15-8 Moon Carnival, 11-4 Arc Bright, 5-1 Shynon, 10-1 Doc Spot, 12-1 Starlight Rose, 14-1 others.

☐ Sea Gazer, described by David Barron as "the best horse I have trained in 12 years with a Flat licence", justified that comment with a courageous performance to repel the challenge of Irish raider Up And At 'Em in the Field Marshal Stakes at Haydock on Saturday.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

Kempton Park

Going: soft
2.15 (5f) 1, Valiant Man (J Williams, 20-1); 2, Make The Break (11-2); 3, General Shirley (9-2). Lively Stream 4-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Baton Bleu. 1½l, sh hd. J Wharton. Tote: £16.00; £3.50, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £24.50. CSF: £109.17.
2.45 (7f) 1, Hilary Gerrard (P Robinson, 14-1); 2, Flashfeet (5-2); 3, So Intrepid (10-1). Khattat 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 1½l, 1l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £19.40; £3.20, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £29.10. CSF: £45.31.
3.15 (6f) 1, Garnock Valley (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Second Chance (6-1); 3, Trinity Hall (16-1). Princely Favour 7-2 fav. 9 ran. 5l, ½l. J Berry. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £9.60. CSF: £25.18. Tricast: £306.18.
3.45 (1m) 1, Nicer (D Holland, 14-1); 2, Arjan (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Bright Generation (5-1). Helvellyn 3-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. 3½l, 3l. B Hills. Tote: £20.50; £4.00, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £32.90. CSF: £55.65.
4.15 (1m 4f) 1, Night Clubbing (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Unforgiving Minute (5-1); 3, Song Of Sixpence (20-1). Secret Society 7-2 fav. 8 ran. NR: First Bid. Hd, 2l. R Akehurst. Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £14.50. CSF: £26.35. Tricast: £373.80.
4.45 (1m) 1, Right Win (J Reid, Evens fav); 2, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Arman's Sax (11-2); 3, Star Manager (9-1). 5 ran. NR: Thunder River, Baron Ferdinand. 6l, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.50. DF: £3.60. CSF: £6.06.
5.15 (7f) 1, Tender Moment (A Munro, 10-1); 2, Precious Wonder (7-1); 3, Invocation (12-1); 4, Hopeful Bid (12-1). Domeckisy 13-2 fav. 17 ran. ½l, 2l. C Brittain. Tote: £10.60; £1.90, £1.50, £3.80, £3.90. DF: £35.10. Trio: £261.10. CSF: £79.05. Tricast: £804.42.
5.45 (7f) 1, Yaqthan (R Hills, 15-8 fav); 2, Bold Thatcher (5-1); 3, Risto (5-1). 8 ran. Nk, 3l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £2.80; £2.60, £1.50, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £14.10. CSF: £10.85.
Jackpot not won (pool of £5,316.20 carried forward to Kempton today).
Placepot: £62.90.

Haydock Park

1.10 1, Jack Button (10-11 fav); 2, Crystal Spirit (3-1); 3, Farsi (4-1). 5 ran.
1.40 1, River Life (4-1); 2, Wall (6-1); 3, Kasserhorn (5-1). Bint Al Balad 9-4 fav. 7 ran.
2.10 1, Sea Gazer (13-2); 2, Up And At 'Em (7-4 fav); 3, Lucky Parkes (8-1). 8 ran.
2.40 1, Sir Harry Hardman (4-1); 2, Dominuet (15-2); 3, Densben (7-2). Echo-Logical 11-4 fav. 7 ran.
3.10 1, Moscow Road (6-1); 2, Pontte Sophie (10-1); 3, Close To Reality (7-1). Sonneteer 7-2 fav. 10 ran.
3.40 1, Daily Sport Don (3-1); 2, Panther (4-1); 3, Red Leader (10-11 fav). 4 ran.
4.10 1, Persian Brave (10-1); 2, Key To My Heart (20-1); 3, Moorish (7-1). Doc Cottrill 85-40 fav. 10 ran.

Carlisle

2.05 1, Temple Garth (10-11 fav); 2, Lion Of Vienna (12-1); 3, Mont Mirail (25-1). 12 ran.
2.35 1, Blue Disc (16-1); 2, Rhoman Coin (5-1); 3, Kirstenbosch (11-10 fav). 10 ran.
3.05 1, Scottish Reform (12-1); 2, Tartan Tyrant (4-9 fav); 3, Our Survivor (16-1). 10 ran.
3.35 1, Stated Case (7-1); 2, Benghazi (50-1); 3, Festival Fancy (10-1). Celtic Breeze 6-1 jt-fav. 15 ran.
4.05 1, Dollkos (3-1 fav); 2, Positive Action (12-1); 3, Spree Cross (7-1). 11 ran.
4.35 1, Lynch Law (2-1 fav); 2, Palacegate King (9-1); 3, It's The Pits (33-1). 18 ran.
5.05 1, Judicious Captain (5-1); 2, Run Pet Run (11-2); 3, Wadeley (13-8 fav). 11 ran.

Newton Abbot

2.15 1, Fred Splendid (3-1); 2, Benjamin Lancaster (25-1). Its Nearly Time 8-11 fav. 4 ran.
2.45 1, Al Sahil (100-30 fav); 2, Yanbu (33-1); 3, It's Not My Fault (10-1); 4, Ramiosa (12-1). 18 ran.
3.15 1, Midnight Caller (21-20 fav); 2, Royal Battery (15-2); 3, Just So (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Win Electric.
3.45 1, Precis (9-2); 2, Daves Delight (12-1); 3, Stapleford Lady (25-1). Ess El Ar 6-5 fav (f). 11 ran.
4.15 1, Pintail Bay (9-4); 2, Rafiki (6-5 fav); 3, Counterpunch (25-1). 9 ran.
4.45 1, Major Bush (15-8); 2, Prudent Peggy (100-30); 3, Cobb Gate (14-1). 10 ran.
5.15 1, Punchbag (8-1); 2, The Minder (6-1); 3, Aiosala (16-1). Olveston 7-2 fav (pu). 10 ran.

Plumpton

2.30 1, Menebuck (11-4); 2, Absent Relative (4-6 fav); 3, Joker Jack (9-1). 6 ran.
3.00 1, Fight To Win (Evens fav); 2, River Fly (2-1); 3, Millie Belle (4-1). 8 ran. NR: Fighting Days.
3.30 1, Trendy Auctioneer (9-2); 2, Qualitair Memory (7-4 fav); 3, Milyel (11-2). 13 ran.
4.00 1, OK Corral (11-10 fav); 2, Beau Charm (2-1); 3, Rich Remorse (25-1). 5 ran. NR: Rhode Island Red
4.30 1, Major's Law (11-4); 2, Little Nod (6-1); 3, Second Call (8-4 fav). 18 ran.
5.00 1, Owen (6-4 fav); 2, Rockmount Rose (50-1); 3, Maternal Girl (9-4). 6 ran.

Towcester

2.25 1, Sheer Ability (11-4); 2, Deffing Valley (25-1); 3, Lirle Lad (20-1). Camelot Knight 95-40 fav (pu). 11 ran. NR: Glengriffin, Prince's Court, The Lighter Side.
2.55 1, Bowl Of Oats (4-1); 2, False Economy (2-1 fav); 3, Fiddlers Three (9-4). 4 ran.
3.25 1, What If (6-1); 2, Sovereign Sound (17-2); 3, Sleepline Royale (8-1). Kobayil 11-4 fav. 11 ran.
3.55 1, Dr Rocket (2-1); 2, Chiasso Forte (3-1); 3, Change The Act (11-8 fav). 4 ran. NR: Blue Buccaneer, They All Forgot Me.
4.25 1, Soothfast (5-1); 2, Stylus (4-6 fav); 3, Rich Desire (9-1). 10 ran. NR: Hallo Mam.
4.55 1, Tenasaint (11-8 fav); 2, Moor Scope (5-2); 3, Leaguane (6-1). 10 ran. NR: Park Shade.

Uttoxeter

2.20 1, Sohrab (8-11 fav); 2, Carousel Music (20-1); 3, Astings (7-1). 16 ran.
2.50 1, Dublin Flyer (11-8 fav); 2, Rufus (15-8). 5 ran.
3.20 1, Arran View (50-1); 2, Just (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Invite D'Honneur (11-1); 4, Arr Eff Bee (7-1). Temporale 9-2 jt-fav. 16 ran. NR: Dreadnought, Marie Baby.
3.50 1, Wigtown Bay (6-1); 2, Basilea (8-1); 3, Comedy Road (20-1). Kentish Piper 15-8 fav. 9 ran.
4.20 1, Arany (6-1); 2, Mecado (10-1); 3, Prime Mover (16-1). Barahin 3-1 fav. 15 ran.
4.50 1, Doolar (7-1); 2, Kanndabil (7-2). Ketti 5-2 jt-fav. 5 ran.
5.20 1, Cariboo Gold (7-2 fav); 2, Our Man In Havana (11-2); 3, Tina's Missile (6-1). 13 ran. NR: Force Eight, Bedouin Prince, Celtino.

JUMP LEADERS

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing mounts	Level stake
R Dunwoody	145	104	76	3	-73.80
P Scudamore	129	75	47	0	-12.41
A Maguire	106	97	81	0	-4.72
P Niven	94	50	41	2	+60.62
J Osborne	79	56	51	14	+11.76
G McCourt	62	52	54	2	-38.82
M Dwyer	58	52	40	8	-68.95
N Doughty	57	33	26	12	-13.62
C Llewellyn	57	38	40	3	+84.67

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Bags. since win	Level stake
M Pipe	162	100	75	8	-60.07
D Nicholson	92	60	41	4	+160.73
G Richards	82	53	40	9	-42.84
Mrs M Reveley	77	50	45	6	-59.92
N Twiston-Davies	63	39	28	1	+83.83
Jimmy FitzGerald	56	43	35	8	+4.65
M Hammond	45	40	27	13	-39.17
J T Gifford	45	36	38	9	-40.43

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Heads down: Night Club, right, holds off the strong challenge of Unforgiving Minute, yellow cap, at Kempton on Saturday

See More Indians gains poignant Blackmore victory

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

THE most promising point-to-pointer seen this year, See More Indians, was aimed at the members' race at the **Blackmore and Sparkford Vale** meeting on Saturday after his impressive win at Larkhill seven weeks ago. This minor event was of little significance in racing terms, but had strong family connections.

The race was for the memorial trophy to John Farthing, who died suddenly last August at the age of 57. His widow, Rachel, is the cousin of Paul and Richard Barber, owner and trainer of See More Indians, and mother of Justin, his rider. The objective was achieved in the fastest time of the day.

A surprising absentee from the entries for the Times Rising Stars final at Worcester on Wednesday, Mr Murdock, turned out in the open race here, under Tim Mitchell, to win by four lengths from the Gordon Edwards-ridden Spartan Dancer. His previous rider, Michael Miller, was on duty at the **Royal Artillery** on two other Harry Welstead's charges, and won easily on Winnie Lorraine.

Lewis Baker, aged 17, rode his first winner at this meeting and he beat Ron Treloggen, successful in both the Cheltenham and Aintree Foxhunters, in the process. The race was the four-mile open and the winner, *Bellman, is owned by* his father, Jeremy Baker, a farrier to several Flat trainers.

The Southdown and Eridge at Heathfield, scheduled for today, has been abandoned because of waterlogging.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: East Kent, Aldington, 6m south east of Ashford (first race 2.00); Eggesford, Bishops Leigh, 5m NE of Crediton (1.30); Essex Farmers and Union, Marks Tey, 5m W of Colchester (2.00), Four Burrow at Wadebridge, royal Showground, one mile W of town (2.00), North Cotswold, Springhill, 3m S of Broadway (2.00); Old Berkshire, Lockinge, 2m S of Wantage (2.00); Percy at Alnwick, 2m E of Alnwick (1.30), South Notts, Thorpe Lodge, 3M SW of Newark (2.00); South Pembrokeshire, Lydstep, 3m SW of Tenby (2.00); South Shropshire, Eyton-on-Severn, 6m SW of Shrewsbury (2.00); Staintondale, Charm Park, 5m SW of Scarborough (2.00), Talybont, Talybont-on-Usk, 5m SE of Brecon (2.00); Taunton Vale, Kingston St Mary, 4m NE of Wellington (2.00); Vine & Craven, Hackwood Park, 2m E of Basingstoke (2.00).

RESULTS FROM 14 MEETINGS

ASHFORD VALLEY (Charing). Hunt: 1, Rustic Ramble (P Hacking, 5-4 fav); 2, True Measure; 3, Second Time Round. 7 ran. Club: 1, Burromanner (C Gordon, 3-1), 2, No Fizz; 3, Yeoman Farmer. 12 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Glenavey (P Hacking, 4-7 fav); 2, Gunner Jim; 3, Hold Hard. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Samsun (Miss C Holliday, 7-1), 2, Charlton Yeoman; 3, Profligate. 10 ran. Confined: 1, Rousillon To Be (T McCarthy, 3-1), 2, Magical Moms; 3, Wye Lea. 8 ran. Open Mdn (5-7-y-o): 1, Calculated (Mrs S Witts, 14-1); 2, Shamrock Star; 3, Pinoccio. 15 ran.

BLACKMORE & SPARKFORD VALE (Kingweston): Hunt: 1, See More Indians (J Farthing, 1-4 fav), 2, Ash Jim Boy; 3, Smokin' Anna. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Celtic Leisure (Miss S Vickery, 5-2 Jt- fav), 2, Hasty Salvo, 3, Busteele. 7 ran. Open: 1, Mr Murdock (T Mitchell, 10-11 fav); 2, Spartan Dancer, 3, Beech Grove. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Starember Lad (Miss J Cumings, Evens fav); 2, Fell Mist; 3, Eagle Trace. 9 ran. Mdn I: 1, Trundle (M Felton, 6-4 fav); 2, Pebsey; 3, Admirals Landing. 11 ran. Mdn II: 1, Seawards Folly (T Atkinson, 9-2); 2, Dubit; 3, Baroness Spider. 11 ran. Rest: 1, Society Member (Miss P Curling, 6-4 fav); 2, Newstarsky; 3, Mr Golightly. 15 ran.

CURRE (Howick): Hunt: 1, Cossack Strike (Ire) (S Currey, 8-1); 2, No Boundaries; 3, Junior (Bel). 4 ran. Rest: 1, Charlotte Lane (P Williams, 7-1); 2, Bethelwie; 3, Philsponnal. 16 ran. Confined: 1, Taurean Tycoon (J Price, 4-5 fav); 2, Spanish Rouge, 3, Comra. 10 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Radio Cue (J Llewellyn, 9-4); 2, Solars Pride; 3, Willy Wagtail. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Up The Ladder (Miss C Thomas, 3-1), 2, Precious Link; 3, Rhonda Valley. 6 ran. Mdn I: 1, BorderLoch (P Hamer, 4-6 fav); 2, Ludermain; 3, Spanish Boy. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Swete Fudge (J Price, 5-2 fav); 2, Try For Gold; 3, Lexden. 12 ran.

GARTH & SOUTH BERKS (Tweseldown): Hunt: 1, Just Rise (Miss S Nichols); finished alone. PPCA: 1, Funchen View (S Astaire, 2-1), 2, Welrpool; 3, Heron's Rock. 3 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Hurry Up Henry (Miss A Harwood, 2-5 fav); 2, Import General; 3,Mr Fog Patches. 5 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Hale's Melody (P Townsley, 6-4 fav); 2, Game Fair; 3, Corners Gate. 7 ran. Confined 1, Frere Hogan (P Scouller, 5-2); 2, Darton Ri, 3, Breamamore. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Holland House (M Portman, 11-8 fav); 2, Matchstick Charlie, 3, Chancellorsville. 8 ran.

LEDBURY (Malsamore Park): Hunt: 1, All Weather (D Duggan, 7-1), 2, Montys Gunner; 3, Coddington Village. 9 ran Confined: 1, Cape Cottage (A Phillips, 3-1); 2, Robustil, 3, How Now. 15 ran. Open: 1, Sams Heritage (Julian Pritchard, 2-5 fav), 2, Chatsnoogachoochoo, 3, Just Patrimony. 6 ran Ladies. 1, Scally's Daughter (Miss A Dare, 2-5 fav); 2, Whiskey Eyes, 3, Joe Muggins. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Double Handkuff (Julian Pritchard, 2-1 Jt fav); 2, First Harvest; 3, Portsmouth. 12 ran. Mdn (5-7-y-o) I: 1, The Communicator (T Stephenson, 3-1 Jt fav); 2, Shottivr; 3, Always Great. 14 ran. Mdn (5-7-y-o) II: 1, Frozen Pipe (J Rudge, 6-1); 2, Tirley Missile; 3, Notanotherone. 14 ran

MIDDLETON (Whitwell-On-The-Hill): Rest: 1, Tricksome (N Wilson, 2-1); 2, Ubu Val; 3, The Chap. 10 ran. PPCA (Nov Riders): 1, Across The Lake (Miss S Brotherton, 4-5 fav); 2, Broken Brae, 3, Miavonne. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Fleming (M Buckley, 3-1); 2, First Trick; 3, Magic Whip. 10 ran. Open: 1, Ocean Day (H Brown, Evens fav); 2, Level Quay; 3, Dreamage. 9 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Final Hope (Mrs F Needham, 3-1); 2, Captain Chance, 3, Crodale Grey. 13 ran. Hunt: 1, Monkey Run (N Wilson, 4-6 fav), 2, Kates Argument; 3, Demi Cheval. 9 ran.

MORPETH (Tranwell): Hunt: 1, Lucky Bag (Mrs S Fenwick, 5-1); fin alone 5 ran. Confined 1, Carly Brin (P Craggs, 4-5 fav), 2, Wenceslas; 3, Hill Ryde, 3 ran. Ladies: 1, Major Rouge (Miss D Laidlaw, 4-1); 2, Poseidonia; 3, Polly Veny. 10 ran. Open 1, Generals Boy (P Craggs, 1-4 fav); 2, The Lady's Partner; 3, Thorbell Arch. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Mill Knock (P Craggs, 1-4 fav); 2, Damien's Beau; only 2 finished. 3 ran Mdn I: 1, Saleralite (D Mactaggart, 7-4 fav); 2, Always Grumbling; 3, Bears United. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Just Maskaraider (Mrs H Dickson, 4-1); 2, Stoneshiel; 3, Gros (Cze). 8 ran.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE (Sandon): Hunt: 1, Valoroso (S Oliver, 1-5 fav), 2, Corrie Lass, only 2 finished, 2 ran. Mdn I: 1, Extraspecial Brew (W Ritson, 5-1), 2, Charlie Chalk; 3, Churchill Star. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Members Rights(M Hammond, 7-4 fav); 2, Ryrne And Run; 3, Ibn Sina. 9 ran. Ladies 1, Rivernot (Miss H Callow, 4-5 fav), 2, Gameover Lady; only 2 finished 5 ran. Open: 1, Mount Argus (S Brookshaw, 1-3 fav); 2, Mountain Cabin; 3, Couture Color. 6 ran. Confined (Nov Rdrs): 1, Combo (P Morris, 10-1); 2, Dime And A Dollar; 3, Foxy Blue. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Freddie Fox (J Barlow, 4-1); 2, Yankee Rhythm, 3, Lantern Pike. 11 ran.

PUCKERIDGE (Horseheath): Hunt: 1, Cardinal Black (P Harding-Jones, 2-5 fav); 2, No Rebasse; 3, Jets Fripon. 4 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Copper Thistle (P Taiano, 6-4 fav); 2, Granyte Palace; 3, Sbrontino. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Richard Hunt (Miss L Rowe, 2-5 fav), 2, Double Turn; 3, Van Dyke Brown. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Shedid (Miss L Rowe, 2-5 fav); 2, Royal Sting; 3, Master Treasure. 5 ran. Open: 1, Sneakapenny (E Nicolson, 1-3 fav), 2, Man Of Fun; 3, Roars Of Applause. 4 ran. Intermediate: 1, Melton Park (N Bloom, 2-5 fav), 2, Cardinal Richelieu; 3, Woodredon Lad 5 ran.

ROYAL ARTILLERY (Larkhill). Hunt: 1, Shrill Whistle (S Mullins, 8-11, 2, Treble Chance; 3, Friendly Henry. 5 ran. Open Mdn 5-7yo: 1, Master Ryon (R Nuttall, 7-1); 2, Benton Loch; 3, Great Uncle. 15 ran. Confined: 1, Winnie Lorraine (M Miller, 2-5 fav); 2, Comedy Basin; 3, Candlelight Dinner. 4 ran. Ladies, 1, Betty Hayes (Miss S Barraclough, 11-10); 2, Aristos; 3, Rambling Echo. 4 ran. Open: 1, Bellman (L Baker, 20-1); 2, Mendip Music; 3, Be My Luck. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Winter's Lane (M Batters, 5-2); 2, Zorro's Mark; 3, Columcille. 9 ran Kings Troop Hunt: 1, Newbury (Sgt P Corfield, 3-1); 2, Trickster; 3, Tyburn. 7 ran

SPOONERS & WEST DARTMOOR (Higher Kilworthy): Hunt: 1, Prince Soloman (W G Turner, 4-9 fav); 2, Whats Your Game; only 2 finished. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Walk In The Woods (Miss M Turner, 7-1); 2, The General's Drum; 3, Kingsmill Imp. 16 ran. Ladies: 1, Try It Alone (Miss L Blackford, 6-4); 2, For A Lark; 3, Suez. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Persian Style (W G Turner, 4-7 fav); 2, Intec; 3, Effierendam. 10 ran. Open: 1, Confused Express (A Farrant, 1-2 fav); 2, Oriental Plume; 3, Only For Love. 5 ran. Mdn I: 1, Kenston Pride (R Cole, 5-2), 2, Restowest; 3, Miss Moony. 13 ran. Mdn II: 1, Prewell (A Farrant, 7-1); 2, Constant Official; 3, Little Coombe. 12 ran

VALE OF AYLESSBURY (Kimble): Hunt: 1, Outside Edge (Miss G Chown, 4-6 fav); 2, Why Ever Not; 3, Legend King. 9 ran. B M W Confined: 1, Blue Danube (A Maran, 20-1); 2, Bob Grinder; 3, Sanballet. 7 ran. Open: 1, True Bloom (G Tarry, 5-2);2, Astroer; 3, One More Knight. 5 ran. Taittinger Ladies: 1, King Neon (Miss J Johnston, 7-2); 2, Bold King's Hussar; 3, Mister Gebo. 9 ran. Rest: 1, Lamy The Lamb (G Tarry, 3-1); 2, Swooping; 3, Causeway Cruiser. 8 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Delamotte (J Smyth-Osbourne, 8-1); 2, Why Not Flopsy; 3, Bantaba. 11 ran.

VALE OF LUNE HARRIERS (Whittington): Hunt: 1, Nenni (R Ford, 1-4 fav); 2, York Vale; 3, Just Brook. 4 ran. Confined: 1, The Artful Rascal (W Barlow, 4-6 fav); 2, Smart Jack; 3, Manassass. 10 ran. Taittinger Ladies: 1, Renard Quay (Miss C Wilberforce, 1-2 fav); 2, Another Shot; 3, Melsonby. 7 ran. Open: 1, Harley (D McCain, 5-4 fav); 2, Technics; 3, Mister Kelly. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Wally Wrelsin (R Ford, 5-4 fav); 2, Royle Burchin; 3, Matrace 7 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Down The Mine (W Barlow, 6-1), 2, Light O' Love; 3, Portal Lass. 14 ran.

WOODLAND PYTCHLEY (Dingley): Confined: 1, Suny Sorell (O Vaughan-Jones, 10-1); 2, Law Reform; 3, Kilsten Lad. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Shipmate (Miss H Irving, 9-4); 2, Sidewinder; 3, Nee-Argee. 10 ran. Hunt: 1, Grouse Moor (J Bennett, 4-7 fav); 2,The Hasdenderos; 3, Bob Geldof. 3 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Good Waters (J Sharp, 5-2); 2, Proverbial Luck; 3, Suasanan Slosana. 4 ran. Open Mdn (5-7-y-o): 1, Teneford (J Greenall, 2-1); 2, Sailor Jim; 3, Sir Nian. 10 ran. Rest: 1, Horace (Ovaughan-Jones, 10-1); 2, Kilfinny Cross (Ire); 3, Cruise Control. 12 ran.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

2.15 Just. 2.50 Thatcher Rock. 3.25 Bootscraper. 4.00 Themesdown Tootsie. 4.35 The Link Man. 5.10 Home Counties.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES)

2.15 RED-BAND SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,684: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

1 FRIENDLYPERSUASION 5?F Mrs J Sordell 5-12-6 T Thompson (7)
2 3P22 JUST 2 (V,D,S) M Pipe 7-11-10 M Foster
3 0P0D SOMERSBY ROSE 16 (G) A Barrow 5-10-11 W Irvine
4 4433 PEACOCK FEATHER 33 R Burke 5-10-4 J Ladder
5 P6PP BUSTOMAN 25 C Popham 7-10-0 D Salter (7)
6 /PPY SPRINGLAKE'S LADY 598 (S) A Forte 7-10-0 Tanya Brayebrook (7)
7 F-P0 DEVON PRIDE 215 (B) M Channon 6-10-0 D Hobbs (7)

4-5 Just, 4-1 Friendlypersuasion, 6-1 Peacock Feather, 10-1 Sovereign Niche, 12-1 Bustoman, 20-1 Springlake's Lady, 33-1 Devon Pride

2.50 HAPPY SHOPPER HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,389: 2m 5f) (3)

1 5124 PLAYPEN 18 (C,F,S) S Fox 9-11-10 J Frost
2 2118 THATCHER ROCK 5 (F,S,S) P Nicholls 6-11-10 N Hawke
3 /5-P BUTLERS PET 21 (F,S,S) T Hallet 14-11-5 N Downs (7)

4-5 Thatcher Rock, 5-4 Playpen, 12-1 Butlers Pet.

3.25 COURAGE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,790: 2m 6f) (5)

1 6460 KINGS RANK 11 (B,F,S,S) M Pipe 8-11-10 M Foster
2 /304 SCOTSCRAPER 469 (F,S,S) R Baker 6-11-4 D Salter (7)
3 50F3 MY KEY SILCA 15 (C,F,S,S) C Nash 8-10-0 Pat Thompson (7)
4 1036 FEARSOME 23 (C,S) K Burke 7-10-0 J Ladder
5 03-P SOLENT LAD 171 (C,F,S,S) S Stevens 10-10-0 M Stevens (7)

5-4 Kings Rank, 3-1 Scotscraper, My Key Silca, 2-1 Fearsome, 20-1 Solent Lad.

4.00 TAUNTON CIDER NOVICES CHASE
(£2,611: 3m 2f 110yd) (8)

1 2315 JAILBREAKER 33 (C,S,S) E [illegible] N Hawke
2 3133 THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE 25 (D,S) A Jones J Frost
3 -PR JACK HORSE LAD 65 (S) [illegible] D Salter (7)
4 0-PR BLACK HORSE LAD 65 (S) [illegible] J Ladder
5 PP GRANDANGUS 1143 [illegible] T Thompson (7)
6 006F KERRYS EYE 29 R Baxter 5-11-5 N Downs (7)
7 -F60 CUTE ENCHANTRESS 11 (B) T Hallet 6-10-12 S Burrough
8 -5P0 MISTRESS MONERGIE 97 [illegible] J Frost
9 006 MUTUAL AGREEMENT 18 R [illegible] [illegible]

5-4 Jailbreaker, 6-4 Thamesdown Tootsie, 10-1 Midnight Monergie, 12-1 Black Horse Lad, 16-1 Grandangus, 20-1 others.

4.35 LYONS TETLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,998: 2m 6f) (5)

1 0655 DURRINGTON 52 (C,S) M Bailey 7-10-13 D Salter
2 P451 THE LINK MAN 19 (D,F) Mrs J Dowle 5-11-2 S Curran (3)
3 0-6P SLITTERBIRD 107 R Brotherton 6-10-9 Tanya Brayebrook (7)
4 0400 MISHYS STAR 2 A Forte 11-10-9 J Reavers (3)
5 040- WEST LODGE LADY 357 N Thomson 8-10-9 D Hobbs

4-6 The Link Man, 7-4 Durrington, 5-1 Slitterbird, 12-1 Mishys Star, 25-1 West Lodge Lady

5.10 PEDIGREE CHUM FOUR YRS OLD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,729: 2m 1f) (9)

1 20P4 BOOBIE BOPPER 20 (B,D,BF,S) M Pipe 11-0 M Foster
2 FATACK 230F Mrs J Dowle 10-12 S Curran (7)
3 HOME COUNTIES 81 (B,BF) N Henderson 10-12 J R Kavanagh
4 323 ATHAR 46 R Baker 10-7 S Burrough
5 2242 HARDY LASS 12 Mrs A Haynes 10-7 D Salter (7)
6 6425 MADAM PICASSO 35 N Mitchell 10-7 Lorna Vincent
7 3360 MISS SOUTER 24 H Howe 10-7 J Frost
8 5432 MY GRAIN 203F T Thomson Jones 10-7 D Geoghegan (5)
9 SPORT OF FOOLS 54JF W Reed 10-7 N Hawke

4-6 Horse Counties, 4-1 Asher, 7-1 Beugle Boppin, 10-1 Madam Picasso, 14-1 Miss Souter, 16-1 Mr Crunch, 20-1 others

☐ Neil Gwilliams was suspended for three days (April 19-21) for careless riding on Gladeer at Kempton on Saturday.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Pharly Story. 2.30 Wick Pound. 3.00 Pere Bazille. 3.30 Tailand Stream. 4.00 Welknown Character. 4.30 Jadidh.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

2.00 AXBRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,837: 2m) (7 runners)

1 12/2 PHARLY STORY 16 (BF,D,F) M Pipe 5-12-0 M Perrett
2 13SSELS BRANCH VIC 50 (S) K Bailey 7-11-7 [illegible]
3 5/46-RLEY FERN A 18 P Scudamore 5-11-0R Dunwoody
4 F/P-0N 21 M Meade 5-11-0 J Ladder
5 06-6 Mrs J Retter 6-10-9B A Fitzgerald
6 -5R0T P Bengarve 5-10-6X (O'Connor (7)
7 T/A0-/4/4-8EC J Old 4-10-8C Llewellyn

4-5 Stevenstone Miss, 6-4 Pharly Story, 10-1 Henley Regatta, 20-1 Derecret, Thatcham, 33-1 others.

2.30 BLAGDON NOVICES CHASE
(£2,733: 2m 5f) (12)

1 41P2 ROCKET LAUNCHER 16 (BF,F,S) D Bosworth 7-12-0 P Holley
2 PPP1 CITY KID 47 (D,S) J Gifford 9-11-7 P Hide (5)
3 1462 KICK POINT 13 (B,G,S) J Old 7-11-7 C Llewellyn
4 PPP6 BLANKERTON 40 N Mitchell 7-11-2 D Meade (7)
5 PP05 HUNTERS BARN 45 J McFarlane 7-11-0 R Rowntree (5)
6 C-5/ MACKEREL FARMER 122 P Nicholls 6-11-6 G Upton
7 P62P MR TERRLE TATTLE 18 (B,F) K Bailey 7-11-0 J Railton
8 /LP MY PILOT 40 L Wynne 5-11-0 E McKinley
9 PP05 PARKY PETE 41 B Scriven 12-11-0 S Mackey
10 4PPF SERGEALAS 33 (S,S) S Wellon 9-11-3 M Perrett
11 -4/U THE MASTER GUNNER 61 (B,S) K Bailey 9-11-0 R Davis (5)
12 5540 SMILLY EXPRESS 58 (S) S Christian 7-10-9 M A Fitzgerald

3-1 Cky Kid, 5-2 Kick Point, 3-1 Rocket Launcher, 8-1 The Master Gunner, Mr Terrle Tattle, 20-1 others.

3.00 HINDON CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,040: 2m) (7)

1 1405 FLYING SPEED 33 (D,F,S,S) M Pipe 5-11-12 Mr M Moore (7)
2 F0-2 SARSEN EXPRESS 186 Mrs J Dowle 5-11-2 M Dowle
3 56F3 FREE BAZILLE 13 (N,D,F,S) P Nicholls 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
4 P45P SKIMMOR WAY 166 C Egerton 5-10-12 C Llewellyn
5 60C1 NORDANSK 35 (D,F) M Madgwick 4-10-10 R Davis (5)
6 13P6 STRADDA 65 (D,F) C Weedon 5-10-10 M Brennan
7 3-U0 MISS MATTERS 25 Mrs T White 5-10-6 Mr J Rees

5-4 Flying Speed, 7-4 Free Bazille, 9-2 Sarsen, 15-2 Nordansk, 12-1 Seven Express, 20-1 others.

3.30 SPARKFORD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,969: 2m) (9)

1 3631 FACTOR TEN 45 (D,G) Miss H Knight 5-11-7 M A Fitzgerald
2 -031 LE METAYER 5 (D,S) F Bailey 5-11-7 J Railton
3 2344 BLACK JOKER 20 A J Whillans 7-11-0 M Perrett
4 BRAVE HIGHLANDER 3 Gifford 5-11-0 P Hide (5)
5 00 CANCALE 69 C Popham 5-11-0 R Dunwoody
6 P CHARTER SPRINGS 24 Miss C Hinks 5-11-0 S Keightley
7 0-03 SIMON JOSEPH 54 T Forster 6-11-0 C Llewellyn
8 33 TALLAND STREAM 119 T Forster 6-11-0 R Farrant (5)
9 0300 DASHING MARCH 19 M Saunders 4-10-5 S Mackey

7-4 Factor Ten, 7-2 Talland Stream, 9-2 Simon Joseph, 5-1 Black Joker, 8-1 Le Metayer, 12-1 Brave Highlander, 33-1 others.

3.50 TAUNTON NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,611: 3m 2f 110yd) (8)

1 2315 JAILBREAKER 33 (C,S,S) E [illegible] N Hawke
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5-4 Jailbreaker, 6-4 Thamesdown Tootsie, 10-1 Midnight Monergie, 12-1 Black Horse Lad, 16-1 Grandangus, 20-1 others.

4.35 LYONS TETLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,998: 2m 6f) (5)

1 0655 DURRINGTON 52 (C,S) M Bailey 7-10-13 D Salter
2 P451 THE LINK MAN 19 (D,F) Mrs J Dowle 5-11-2 S Curran (3)
3 0-6P SLITTERBIRD 107 R Brotherton 6-10-9 Tanya Brayebrook (7)
4 0400 MISHYS STAR 2 A Forte 11-10-9 J Reavers (3)
5 040- WEST LODGE LADY 357 N Thomson 8-10-9 D Salter

4-6 The Link Man, 7-4 Durrington, 5-1 Slitterbird, 12-1 Mishys Star, 25-1 West Lodge Lady

4.00 CHURCHILL HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,236: 3m 1f 110yd) (10)

1 23-P EASTSHAW 105 (C,F,S,S) T Forster 11-12-0 S Llewellyn
2 2F32 GOOD TONIC 13 (B,F,G,S) T Easterby 10-11-5 J Railton
3 60P3 MAYORAN 19 (D,F,G,S) D Barons 9-11-3 R Davis (5)
4 352F WELKNOWN CHARACTER 11 (BF,C,F,G,S) P Nicholls 11-10-13 M A Fitzgerald
5 P55- GALA'S IMAGE 409 (CD,F,G,S) J McConnochie 13-10-9 S Keightley
6 -P6U PICADOR 122 (D,F,G) F Hobbs 9-10-9 R Farrant (5)
7 0520 FOLK DANCE 31 (V,D,F,B,S) G Balding 11-10-0 P Holley
8 PF1P TIPP MARINER 21 (BF,B,CD,G,S) S Sherwood 8-10-0 G Upton
9 3342 COOL AND EASY 80 (BF,S) J Gifford 7-10-0 P Hide (5)
10 4P22 UNDER OFFER 21 (B,CD,G,S) J King 10-10-0 Mr C Hancock (7)

5-2 Good Tonic, 7-2 Welknown Character, 11-2 Tipp Mariner, 6-1 Eastshaw, Cool And Easy, 10-1 Mayoran, 16-1 Folk Dance, Under Offer, 20-1 others.

4.30 EASTER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,973: 2m 6f) (17)

1 -204 SUKAAB 11 (C,F) B Ryall 8-12-0 D Meade (7)
2 3214 MUSICAL MONARCH 23 (G,S) D Barons 7-11-6 R Davis (5)
3 -PPP LAST HOUSE 77 (D,F,G,S) M McNeill 10-11-5 A McCabe
4 6061 GLENSHANE LAD 20 (F,G) K Bailey 7-11-6 J Railton
5 5-30 KNIGHTON COOMBE 49 (G,S) T Forster 7-11-3 C Llewellyn
6 35F2 STATELY LOVER 19 (D,6,S) S Sherwood 10-11-3 G Upton
7 2-06 GREYFRIARS BOBBY 45 (C,G) Mrs J Retter 7-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
8 5542 ASK THE GOVERNOR 33 (BF,D,S) G Balding 7-10-7 S Keightley
9 4340 UNDERWYCHWOOD 93 P Sargeyne 5-10-5 R Farrant (5)
10 2123 JADIDH 19 (BF,CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Dowle 5-10-3 M Dowle
11 1/02 WISE CUSTOMER 37 (G) Miss T White 9-10-3 Mr J Rees
12 3120 KANOOZ 11 (B,D,F) A Dunn 5-10-2 R Dunwoody
13 0554 SUREN 26 (B,S) C Weedon 7-10-0 M Brennan
14 2530 FREE JUSTICE 30 (S) A J Wilson 9-10-0 M Perrett
15 054P STAR OF OUGHTERARD 30 (B,F) T McGovern 8-10-0 P Hide (5)
16 3P1/5 CAN'T DISCLOSE 48 (F) Miss H Knight 12-10-0 J Railton
17 -P62 SMALLMEAD LAD 18 (G) D Gandolfo 6-10-0 P Holley

4-1 Stately Lover, 9-2 Glenshane Lad, 5-1 Musical Monarch, 6-1 Ask The Governor, 7-1 Jadidh, 10-1 Knighton Coombe, 12-1 Suren, 16-1 Sukaab, Kanooz, Free Justice, 25-1 others.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

2.15 Metal Oiseau 2.45 Tell You What. 3.15 Padrigal. 3.50 Lady Ghislaine. 4.25 Brompton Road. 4.55 Jack Diamond.

Brian Beel: 3.15 Padrigal.

GOING: HEAVY

2.15 PENRHYN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,994: 3m) (4 runners)

1 2402 METAL OISEAU 11 (B,C,S,S) J Moore 5-11-10 A Charlton
2 313P EXPRESS REALE 20 (D,S) T Thomson Jones 8-10-11 A Webb
3 R5R5 PUKKA MAJOR 38 (F,S,S) T Thomson Jones 12-10-3 Mr G Hulme (7)
4 P-FP SPRINGVALE CRUSADE 58 (V,S) L Codd 10-10-0 P Leech

10-11 Metal Oiseau, 6-4 Express Reale, 10-1 Pukka Major, 14-1 Springvale Crusade.

2.45 BLAKESLEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,469: 2m 110yd) (3)

1 P535 KILKILMARTIN 16 H Manners 11-11-10 G Rowe
2 -PFP RATHER SHARP 19 C Popham 7-11-10 A Webb
3 P533 TELL YOU WHAT 26 (F) T Casey 8-11-10 M Bosley

4-5 Kilkilmartin, 5-4 Tell You What, 16-1 Rather Sharp.

☐ Walter Swinburn has two rides at *Longchamp this afternoon. Fort Wood in the* group two Prix Noailles and Insijaam in the listed Prix Finlande.

3.00 WELSH HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,687: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 /6P4 CELTIC CHIEF 61 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 10-12-0 J Lower
2 48/1/ MAHAR 1122 (D,S) S Dow 8-12-0 A Dicken (5)
3 6103 EASY BUCK 100 (D,S,S) N Gaselee 6-11-13 C Maude
4 1/05 PARDON ME SIR 12 (D,F,G,S) M Hamby 9-11-7 S Hodgson
5 -291 DEXTRA DOVE 16 (D,F,G) P Hobbs 6-10-4 S Earle
6 -3R3 CERTAIN STYLE 23 (D,F,S,S) J Old 10-10-3 T Grantham

13-8 Celtic Chief, 11-4 Dextra Dove, 4-1 Easy Buck, 8-1 Certain Style, 10-1 Mahar, 20-1 Pardon Me Sir.

3.30 SOUTH WALES ARGUS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,744: 3m) (10)

1 5F30 SNOWY LANE 11 (V,S) M Pipe 5-11-10 J Lower
2 P500 NICKLE JOE 26 (C,S) M Tate 7-11-5 C Maude
3 1322 SEA BUCK 23 (BF,G,S) G Balding 7-11-3 S Hodgson
4 0004 ACROW LANE 22 (D,S) D Barchard 8-11-2 D J Bandrett
5 4P25 TARKOVSKY 58 (CD,S) R Lee 9-11-2 Leanne Eldredge (7)
6 2521 SHAHDJAT 17 (B,CD,F,S) K Bailey 5-11-0 N Williamson
7 2160 NORTHERN VILLAGE 42 (G) S Dow 6-10-13 W McFarland
8 1-02 CASTLEBAY LAD 51 (CD,BF,S) J Old 10-10-11 T Grantham
9 1180 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 65 (D,S) C Barwell 7-10-9 R Morris
10 5251 SUNLEY BAY 9 (S) P Nicholls 7-10-7 R Greene (3)

11-4 Tarkovsky, 4-1 Snowy Lane, 5-1 Sunley Bay, 6-1 Castlebay Lad, 8-1 Northern Village, 12-1 Acrow Lane, Sea Buck, 14-1 Special Account, 16-1 others.

4.00 BEACHLEY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,106: 3m) (6)

1 431P WINDY WAYS 23 (F,S) N Henderson 8-11-10 B de Haan
2 221U PLASTIC SPACEAGE 2 (C,S,S) J Old 10-11-3 T Grantham
3 U036 YIRAGAN 23 (B,CD,S,S) D Barons 11-11-0 C Maude
4 F2TV DIRECT 62 (C,D,S) J Edwards 10-10-13 N Williamson
5 12F3 BROMPTON ROAD 59 (S,S) R Lee 10-10-12 R Greene (3)
6 6135 BERESFORDS GIRL 41 (D,F,G,S) P Murphy 8-10-1 W McFarland

15-8 Direct, 5-2 Plastic Spaceage, 6-1 Beresfords Girl, Windy Ways, 7-1 Brompton Road, 10-1 Yiragan.

4.30 CASTLE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,800: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 1533 RIVER ISLAND 30 (D,S) J Old 5-11-9 T Grantham
2 P-0P STOP OR RED 68 A Chamberlain 6-11-3 S Earle
3 1341 LAND OF THE FREE 28 (D,F,S) M Pipe 4-11-1 Susan Kersey
4 2512 WHEELER'S WONDER 19 (D,F) B Llewellyn 4-10-10 [illegible]

1-3 Land Of The Free, 3-1 River Island, 8-1 Wheeler's Wonder, 10-1 Stop Or Red.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER

2.15 Wild Atlantic. 2.45 Midnight Flotilla. 3.20 Fox Chapel. 3.55 Polar Region. 4.30 Mr Fudge. 5.00 Circulation. 5.30 Nepal Star.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT PATCHES IN STRAIGHT)

2.15 ANCOMB NOVICES CHASE (Amateurs:
£2,401: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 /454 DRUMSTICK 61 (F) K Bailey 7-11-7 M Armytage
2 40-3 EVENING SUNSET 36 (B) G Fleming 7-11-7 K Green (7)
3 2426 NADIAD 12 (F,G) D McCain 7-11-7 D McCain (5)
4 4P92 WILD ATLANTIC 14 (G) Mrs S Smith 10-11-7 R Wilkinson (7)
5 3335 NISHIONA 17 (F,S) M H Easterby 5-11-0 J Dunlop (3)
6 0P06 NORMEAD LASS 47 Miss P Hall 5-10-9 J Bailey (7)

2-1 Nadiad, 5-2 Wild Atlantic, 4-1 Nishiona, 6-1 Evening Sunset, 10-1 others.

2.45 RASE CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,552: 2m 1f 110yd) (17)

1 3/14 MARSH'S LAW 21 (CD,G) O Brennan 6-11-10 M Brennan
2 -531 DELPHONIO 28 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-6 M Dwyer
3 3331 CHARLYCIA 31 (CD,G) T Carr 5-11-5 S Lyons (5)
4 0P01 BIG DIAMOND 30 (S,F,S) I Campbell 9-11-4 R Campbell
5 4-P6 SHAMAALY BABY 33 D McCain 5-11-4 Mr D McCain (5)
6 200 FLYING DOWN TO RIO 82 A Forbes 5-11-2 Gary Lyons
7 P040 JUST A MEMORY 30 (B,F) C Tinkler 7-11-2 R Mackey
8 P0 RESISTING 25F M Chapman 5-11-2 W Worthington
9 005 ARTIC WINGS 18 D Broome 5-11-1 S J O'Neill
10 2P33 HENBURY HALL 23 (G) M Bazalgette 5-11-0 L Wyer
11 6264 SANDHURST PARK 21 (B,G,S) K Cl

Davis punishes some loose play by Hendry

By Phil Yates

A BENEFICIAL run of the balls, a number of key mistakes from his opponent and a pair of telling clearances in the closing two frames all contributed to give Steve Davis a 5-4 first session lead over Stephen Hendry in the final of the Sky Sports International Open snooker tournament at Plymouth yesterday.

With the world championship starting in five days' time, the psychological importance of such a match between the two players who appear to have the credentials to win it could not be overstated. This final was much more than a glorified dress rehearsal.

Hendry and Davis could hardly have trodden a more diverse path to the final. Whereas the Scot required only 70 minutes to execute a 6-0 victory over Dave Harold, the Asian Open champion, in the semi-finals on Saturday, Davis was forced to rely on all of his vast experience to beat Ken Doherty 6-4.

In fact, Davis could count himself fortunate in the final analysis as, in the tenth frame, he initiated a match-clinching 60 clearance to the black with an outrageous fluked red when facing a 53-3 deficit.

The exertions of the previous evening looked to have taken a heavy toll on Davis's sharpness when he failed to exploit early openings.

Hendry, well rested and highly motivated after losing his last two matches against the six times world champion, led 2-0, thanks to breaks of 46, 67 and 59.

It was no surprise, however, that Davis, exuding confidence after winning the European Open, British Open and Benson and Hedges Irish Masters since mid-February, refused to allow his courageous rival to pull away. Davis, a winner of 19 of his last 20 matches, won the third frame comfortably with a break of 66, opened the scoring in the fourth with a 36 and, direct from another fluke, he added a 40 to draw level at 2-2.

The 15-minute intermission could not interrupt Davis's momentum. From a long red in the fifth frame he compiled a break of 103 to move ahead for the first time at 3-2 and, briefly, Hendry seemed vulnerable.

When questioned earlier in the week about possible reasons behind his relative lack of success this season, Hendry cited a "bad attitude" along with inexplicable losses of concentration and expensively weak safety play.

There was nothing to criticise about either his attitude or his concentration in the following two frames while his safety was hardly used.

A break of 62 made it 3-3 and Hendry once again held the initative when he won the seventh frame 89-0 for 4-3.

Hendry, whose only titles this season were captured at the Benson and Hedges Masters and the European Challenge — a low-key eight-man invitation event in France — was well placed to establish a 5-3 lead in the eighth frame until, on a break of 47 and 52-8 to the good, he missed a straightforward red with the rest.

Swooping as in his heyday, Davis responded with a clearance of 59 to snatch the frame on the pink for 4-4.

The closing frame of the afternoon's play proceeded along similar lines as Hendry missed the penultimate red at 49-30 and the predatory Davis cleared with 35.

Davis was left requiring five of the remaining ten frames to maintain a lucrative period of rejuvenation. The International Open's first prize of £25,000 would swell his tournament earnings over the last seven weeks to £161,250.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: S Hendry (Scot) bt D Harold (Eng), 6-0; S Davis (Eng) bt K Doherty (Ire), 6-4. Final: Davis leads Hendry, 5-4. Frame scores (Davis first): 28-113, 34-77, 80-15, 76-0, 103-4, 24-71, 0-89, 67-52, 65-49.

Sampras worthy of top world ranking

PETE Sampras trounced his fellow American, Brad Gilbert, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 to win the Japan Open tennis tournament yesterday. The new world No 1 produced a powerful all-round game to collect his third title of the year, having moved to the top of the ATP rankings after his quarter-final victory over David Wheaton and Jim Courier's exit in the third round.

Sampras, 21, from Tampa, Florida, said he was undaunted by the pressure of being the world No 1. "Ever since I won the US Open and I've been in the top five, I've been more or less a target," he said. "But I've got used to that extra pressure, so I don't feel any different on the court now I'm No 1."

Sampras and Gilbert, seeded second and seventh respectively, went into the match with four wins each from their previous eight contests. But Gilbert was unable to counter the onslaught of Sampras, ten years his junior.

Sampras broke Gilbert in the third and fifth games of the first set, unleashing fierce cross-court shots. The second set went much the same way with Sampras breaking in the first and seventh games and allowing Gilbert only two points against his service.

Sampras fired in eight aces as Gilbert lost four straight games in the last set and tumbled towards defeat.

Gilbert said Sampras's heavy serving had been a key factor in the result. "I'd like to go to sleep at night knowing I've got that serve," he said.

JOHN POTTER



Jumping to it: Van der Gracht, left, of Royal Baudouin, takes on Gordon, the Hounslow player, yesterday

Hounslow and Hightown reach finals

By Sydney Friskin

TWO English clubs, Hounslow and Hightown, qualified for the finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup, for men and women respectively, after exciting matches at Birmingham University yesterday.

Hounslow, runners-up last season, made certain of their place with a 3-0 win over the Belgian club, Royal Baudouin. In the final today they will play HGC, the Dutch club, who beat them 4-0 last year.

Royal Baudouin resisted stubbornly but were outclassed in the second half. The lead which Rees had given Hounslow in the fourteenth minute was followed by goals by Hacker, from a short corner in the 26th minute, and Crutchley in the 59th.

Hounslow cleared a more difficult obstacle on Saturday when they survived an early setback to defeat Atletico Terrassa, of Spain, 3-1.

Ignacio Escude scored Atletico's goal, in the eleventh minute, from a short corner. Hounslow were back on level terms within three minutes when Hacker beat several defenders and released Thompson. In the 58th minute, Thompson set up Crutchley and, six minutes later, Crutchley netted his second.

The women's event did more to quicken the pulse, with Hightown, who will also play HGC in the final, defeating the winners last year, Sutton Coldfield, 2-1, yesterday after a tight finish.

Hightown's quicker reflexes were responsible for their lead, Tina Cullen scoring in the twelfth minute. Jane Sixsmith levelled the score with a fine shot from a short corner in the 28th minute but, two minutes later, Hightown's lead was restored when Maggie Souyave scored after a scramble. Sutton's feverish attempts to save the match proved unavailing. Earlier in the day, Bayer Leverkusen, of Germany, beat Swansea 4-0.

Sutton also lost to the German side, 1-0 on Saturday. Sixsmith came closest to an equaliser, her shot rebounding off the crossbar.

RESULTS: Men: Pool A: Bloemendaal (Holl) 12, Fili Moscow 0; HGC (Holl) 1, Rot-weiss, Cologne 1; Rot-weiss 5, Fili 1; HGC 3, Bloemendaal 1. Final positions: 1, HGC, 5pts; 2, Rot-weiss, 5; 3, Bloemendaal, 2; 4, Fili, 0. Pool B: Royal Baudouin (Bel) 7, Dundee Wanderers 1; Hounslow 3, Atletico Terrassa (Sp) 1; Hounslow 3, Royal Baudouin 0; Atletico Terrassa 9, Dundee Wanderers 0. Final positions: 1, Hounslow, 6pts; 2, Atletico Terrassa, 3; 3, Royal Baudouin, 3; 4, Dundee Wanderers, 0. Women: Pool A: Hightown 4, Swansea 0; Sutton Coldfield 0, Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 1; Bayer Leverkusen 4, Swansea 0; Hightown 2, Sutton Coldfield 1. Final positions: 1, Hightown, 5pts; 2, Bayer Leverkusen, 5; 3, Sutton Coldfield, 2; 4, Swansea, 0. Pool B: HGC 5, Spartak Moscow 0; HGC 5, CF Junior (Sp) 0; Spartak Moscow 5, Wiener Neudorf (Austria) 1; CF Junior 4, Wiener Neudorf 0. Final positions: 1, HGC, 6pts; 2, Spartak Moscow, 4; 3, CF Junior, 2; 4, Wiener Neudorf, 0.

Worthing find winning tempo

By Nicholas Harling

THE leading two basketball teams in the Carlsberg League, Worthing Bears and Thames Valley Tigers, have had things much their own way in the first legs of the play-offs, but the third-placed club, London Towers, were given a fright by Derby Bucks.

Towers were taken to overtime at Derby before winning 95-93 and setting themselves up for what they hope will be a more comfortable second leg at the Sobell Centre on Thursday. "But we still think we have a good chance," Terry Manghum, the Bucks player/-coach said, "if only we keep our minds and concentration."

Nobody concentrated in Saturday's game more than Kurt Samuels. It will be England's loss if their newest recruit pulls out from the squad preparing for the European Championship's additional qualifying tournament in Poland. Samuels scored 31 points, including the long three-pointer two seconds from the buzzer that forced the extra five minutes. He sank another nine points, which was not quite enough to prevent Ronnie Baker securing for London a victory that had looked beyond them when they trailed by 12 points midway through the opening half.

With Samuels, Mitchell and Hood at the end of their fast breaks, Derby's early control would have been decisive but for a sequence of 11 successive points for London from Peter Scantlebury on his way to an individual tally of 37. Scantlebury's spurt was the reason London stayed in the game.

Worthing, the champions, were flummoxed early in their tie at Leicester as the Riders slowed down the game, taking a 17-11 lead. By half-time the Bears had found a tempo to their liking. Colin Irish's 33 points made certain that the sixth game between the clubs this season went the way of all the others. Worthing's winning margin this time was 84-63.

Thames Valley won 112-85 at Oldham, which should make the second leg a formality.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Premier League

Arsenal v Aston Villa
Blackburn v Ipswich (7.45, all ticket)
Chelsea v Wimbledon
Coventry v Manchester United (all ticket)
Crystal Palace v Middlesbrough
Everton v QPR
Manchester City v Liverpool
Nottm Forest v Tottenham
Sheffield Wednesday v Southampton

Barclays League

First division

Birmingham v Swindon
Brentford v Notts County
Bristol City v Wolverhampton
Charlton v Peterborough
Grimsby v Sunderland
Newcastle v Oxford United (all ticket)
Portsmouth v Derby
Tranmere v Barnsley (5.05)

Second division

Bolton v Swansea
Exeter v Preston
Hartlepool v Fulham
Huddersfield v Wigan
Leyton Orient v Stockport
Reading v Mansfield
Rotherham v Stoke
West Brom v Plymouth

Third division

Cardiff v Lincoln
Chesterfield v Wrexham
Crewe v Shrewsbury
Darlington v Doncaster
Gillingham v Scunthorpe
Halifax v York
Hereford v Carlisle (7.30)
Northampton v Walsall

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Macclesfield
Bath v Yeovil
Bromsgrove v Kidderminster
Dagenham R v Welling
Northwich v Witton
Runcorn v Stafford
Stalybridge v Gateshead
Telford v Merthyr
Woking v Farnborough

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bognor Regis v Basingstoke; Dulwich v Bromley (7.30); St Albans v Aylesbury; Stevenage v Enfield; Wivenhoe v Grays; Yeading v Hayes. First division: Croydon v Tooting and Mitcham; Dorking v Lewes; Heybridge Swifts v Billericay; Hitchin v Boreham Wood; Leyton v Aveley; Maidenhead v Abingdon; Purfleet v Barking; Uxbridge v Chalfont St Peter; Walton and Hersham v Molesey. Second division: Chertsey v Egham; Edgware v Ruislip Manor; Hampton v Malden Vale; Harefield v Southall; Hemel Hempstead v Berkhamsted; Leatherhead v Worthing; Newbury v Hungerford; Tilbury v Rainham; Ware v Berton; Witham v Saffron Walden. Third division: Camberley v Bracknell; East Thurrock v Clapton; Epsom and Ewell v Horsham; Hertford v Royston; Thame v Flackwell Heath; Tring v Leighton

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v VS Rugby (7.30); Bashley v Weymouth; Burton v Corby (7.30); Chelmsford v Crawley; Dorchester v Waterlooville (7.45); Gloucester v Cheltenham; Halesowen v Worcester (7.45); Hastings v Dover; Hednesford v Moor Green (7.30); Solihull v Trowbridge. Midland division: Bam v Evesham; Bilston v Dudley; Bridgnorth v Redditch; Forest Green v Weston-super-Mare; King's Lynn v Rushden and Diamonds; Leicester v Grantham; Nuneaton Borough v Bedworth; RC Warwick v Sutton Coldfield Tn; Stourbridge v Hinckley; Tamworth v Gresley Rovers. Yate v Newport AFC. Southern division: Braintree v Sudbury; Burnham v Erith and Belvedere; Bury v Baldock; Canterbury City v Ashford; Fareham v Newport IoW; Fisher v Gravesend and Northfleet; Salisbury v Poole; Sittingbourne v Margate; Wealdstone v Buckingham; Witney v Dunstable

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Bideford; Taunton v Chard. Les Phillips Cup: Semi-final: Clevedon v Torrington

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham v Harwich and Parkeston; Chatteris v Histon; Cornard v Halstead; Great Yarmouth v Gorleston; Haverhill v Newmarket; March v Wisbech; Norwich v Diss; Stowmarket v Felixstowe; Tiptree v Brightlingsea; Watton v Fakenham; Wroxham v Lowestoft.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Hyde; Barrow v Morecambe (7.30); Bishop Auckland v Frickley; Chorley v Winsford; Droylsden v Mossley; Fleetwood v Horwich; Gainsborough v Whitley Bay; Goole v Buxton; Leek v Colwyn Bay; Marine v Southport; Matlock v Emley. First division: Ashton v Eastwood; Caernarfon v Gretna; Farsley Celtic v Alfreton; Gt Harwood v Rossendale; Harrogate v Guiseley; Knowsley v Bridlington; Netherfield v Radcliffe Borough; Warrington v Shepshed Albion; Workington v Curzon Ashton; Worksop v Congleton.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Billingham Synthonia.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Glasshoughton Wel; Ashfield v Ossett Albion; Harrogate Railway v Brigg; Liversedge v Spennymoor; Pickering v Maltby MW; Pontefract Col v Belper; Stocksbridge P S v North Ferriby; Thackley v Sheffield; Winterton Rangers v Eccleshill.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bacup Borough v Bradford Park Avenue; Blackpool Mechanics v Prescot; Burscough v Blackpool; Clitheroe v Nantwich; Darwen v Eastwood Hanley; Flixton v Chadderton; Glossop North End v Atherton LR; Kidsgrove Athletic v Maine Road, Manchester; St Helens v Penrith; Salford City v Bamber Bridge; Skelmersdale v Newcastle.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Newry; Cliftonville v Carrick.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Abergavenny v Conwy; Aberystwyth v Flint; Bangor City v Inter Cardiff; Caersws v Maesteg Park; Ebbw Vale v Newtown; Haverfordwest v Porthmadog; Holywell v Afan Lido; Llanelli v Connah's Quay; Llanidloes v Briton Ferry; Mold v Cwmbran.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship

Castleford v Leeds (3.30)
Halifax v Bradford (7.30)
Leigh v Salford
St Helens v Widnes
Warrington v Wigan (11.30)

Second division

Bramley v Featherstone (3.30)
Carlisle v Swinton
Oldham v Huddersfield

Third division

Batley v Keighley (3.15)
Hunslet v Ryedale York (3.30)

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League

First division

Pontypool v Neath (2.30)

Club matches

Bristol v Glamorgan Wanderers
Coventry v Aberavon
Leicester v Wasps
Newbridge v Abertillery
Newport v London Welsh
Redruth v Rugby
Swansea v Barbarians
Tredegar v Maesteg

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Commonwealth welterweight title: Eamonn Loughran (Ballymena, holder) v Tony Swift (Birmingham) (at Brentwood).

GYMNASTICS: World championships (NEC, Birmingham).

HOCKEY: European cup-winners' cup: Men and women (Birmingham University, 9.0).

SWIMMING: Optrex World Challenge (Sheffield).

FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Footscray 14 (17) 101 bt Fitzroy 14 (14) 98; St Kilda 20 (12) 132 bt Sydney Swans 13 (16) 94.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago Cubs 11, Philadelphia Phillies 7; Colorado Rockies 11, Montreal Expos 4; San Diego Padres 2, Florida Marlins 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, San Francisco Giants 5; Atlanta Braves 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 0; Houston Astros 7, New York Mets 3; St Louis Cardinals 8, Cincinnati Reds 2. Saturday: San Francisco Giants 12, Pittsburgh Pirates 5; Houston Astros 6, New York Mets 3; Colorado Rockies 9, Montreal Expos 5; Florida Marlins 2, San Diego Padres 1; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Atlanta Braves 1; St Louis Cardinals 2, Cincinnati Reds 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: New York Yankees 11, Chicago White Sox 6; Toronto Blue Jays 13, Cleveland Indians 10; Minnesota Twins 8, Kansas City Royals 7; Texas Rangers 3, Boston Red Sox 1; California Angels 7, Detroit Tigers 5; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Oakland A's 5; Seattle Mariners 8, Baltimore Orioles 0. Saturday: Toronto Blue Jays 5, Cleveland Indians 4; Minnesota Twins 3, Kansas City Royals 2; Oakland A's 4, Milwaukee Brewers 3; New York Yankees 12, Chicago White Sox 0; Boston Red Sox 10, Texas Rangers 2; Detroit Tigers 5, California Angels 2; Baltimore Orioles 5, Seattle Mariners 3.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS: Men: First division: Quarter-finals, first leg: Derby Bucks 93, London Towers 95 (OT); Leicester City Riders 63 (Waldron 28, Treavent 22), Sterndon Worthing Bears 84 (Irish 33, Lewis 21); Oldham Celtics 85 (Fite 37, Henderson 25), Thames Valley Tigers 112 (Lloyd 37, Obaseki 17, James 17). Second division: Quarter-finals: Crystal Palace 69, Coventry Crusaders 67; Ware Rebels 82, Cardiff Heat 78. Third division: Guildford Storm 80, Swindon Sonics 62; Sheffield Forgers 87, Stevenage Phoenix 59; Sedgefield Racers 54, Leicester Falcons 67. Women: First division: Avesta Sheffield Hatters 50, Milton Keynes Quality Cats 47.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Saturday: Atlanta Hawks 118, Charlotte Hornets 105; Miami Heat 119, Philadelphia 76ers 114; Cleveland Cavaliers 100, New Jersey Nets 99; Houston Rockets 98, San Antonio Spurs 88; Chicago Bulls 92, Indiana Pacers 87; Milwaukee Bucks 108, Orlando Magic 97; Golden State Warriors 100, Dallas Mavericks 94; Los Angeles Clippers 118, Denver Nuggets 101. Friday: Chicago Bulls 89, Atlanta Hawks 87; Detroit Pistons 105, Boston Celtics 90; Cleveland Cavaliers 114, Washington Bullets 95; Charlotte Hornets 122, Philadelphia 76ers 113; Orlando Magic 95, Minnesota Timberwolves 92; Seattle SuperSonics 111, Sacramento Kings 97; Portland Trail Blazers 109, Los Angeles Lakers 105; Phoenix Suns 98, Denver Nuggets 97.

BOXING

BUENOS AIRES: WBA junior-welterweight championship: Juan Martin Coggi (Arg) bt Joe Rivera (P Rico), rsc 7th rnd.

SWANSEA: WBA Penta-Continental super-middleweight championship: Nicky Piper (Cardiff, holder) bt Chris Joseph Sande (Ken), rsc 9th rnd. (6 rnds): Light-middle: Robin Reid (Runcorn) bt Andy Furlong (Hammersmith), pts. Middle: Darren Pullman (Swansea) drew with Steve Thomas (Merthyr). Super-middle: Russell Washer (Swansea) bt Ray Price (Swansea), rsc 4th; Carl Mumford (Merthyr) bt Rocky Reynolds (Swansea), pts. Light-heavy: Julian Johnson (Swansea) bt Jason O'Neil (Swansea), pts. Heavy: Dermot Gascoyne (Bexleyheath) bt Denroy Bryan (Swindon), pts.

CANOEING

DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER RACE: Senior doubles: 1, M Thornton and S Alston (Elmbridge CC/Chester CC), 15hr 57min 40sec; 2, G Cooper and F Murray (Richmond CC), 16:00:20; 3, A F Beegan and J N Ross (Royal Engineers CC), 16:08:55. Women: 1, L Addington and J Mullins (Reading and Leighton Park CC). Mixed: L Thygesen and M Sondergaard (Den). Team: 1, Royal Engineers CC, 52hr 21min 50sec; 2, Poole Harbour CC, 55:35:35; 3, Navy/Marines, 58:17:00.

CYCLING

PARIS-ROUBAIX CLASSIC (288km): Leading finishers: 1, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr), 6hr 25min 20sec; 2, F Ballerini (It), same time; 3, O Ludwig (Ger), 2min 09sec behind; 4, J Museeuw (Bel); 5, A Van der Poel (Holl); 6, E Van Hooydonck (Bel); 7, M Sergeant (Bel); 8, S Yates (GB); 9, B Van Itterbeeck (Bel), all same time; 10, W Nelissen (Bel), 3:50. World Cup standings: 1, Museeuw, 70pts; 2, Ballerini, 65; 3, M Fondriest (It), 62; 4, Duclos-Lassalle, 50; 5, M Sciandri (It), 43.

ZUMARRAGA, Spain: Tour of the Basque Country race: Final day: First stage (147km): 1, R Sorensen (Den), 3hr 48min 22sec; 2, D Rebellin (It); 3, B Cornillet (Fr); 4, T Rominger (Switz); 5, G Furlan (It); 6, U Bolts (Ger), all same time. Second stage (7.1km): 1, Rominger, 11:12; 2, Sorensen, at 2sec; 3, A Zülle (Switz), at 18; 4, P Richard (Switz), 36; 5, U Ampler (Ger), 46; 6, M Zarrabeitia (Sp), 57. Final standings: 1, Rominger, 22:59:55; 2, Sorensen, at 8sec; 3, Zülle, at 23; 4, Richard, 59; 5, Ampler, 1:03; 6, D Cassani, 1:15.

TOUR OF ULSTER: First stage (76 miles): 1, P Slane (Team Davlin), 2hr 50min 23sec; 2, Cc McCann (Phoenix), 2:50:23; 3, A Roche (IoM). 4, B Graham (Davlin); 5, P Gales (Fuel Services), all same time.

GIRVAN INTERNATIONAL THREE-DAY RACE: Third stage (90 miles): 1, K Reynolds (Team Banana), 3hr 30min 44sec; 2, T Evans (Northern Ireland); 3, R Holden (Neilson-Tivoli), all same time. Overall: 1, Reynolds, 7:02:53; 2, J Walshaw (North Wirral Velo), 7:03:58; 3, Holden, 7:04:11.

TOUR OF THE BORDER: Northumberland: Third stage (84 miles): H Hardisty (North East RT), 2hr 55min 00sec. Overall: M Firth (Bonnyrigg CC), 9:43:47.

AVATILL FOUR-DAY: North Wales: Fourth stage (83 miles): G Speight (Invicta RC), 3hr 16min 26sec. Overall: G Lowe (BCF Manchester Division), 8:41:44.

TIME-TRIALS: Charlotteville CC 50 (Alton, Hampshire): M Whitehead (VC Deal), 1:56:00. Team: Clarence Wheelers, 6:18:27. Essex CRA 25: I Short (Southend and County Wh), 54min 40sec. Team: Southend and County, 2hr 48min 21sec. Abergavenny RC 25: A Rowley (GS Vitesse), 54:55. Team: GS Vitesse 2:46:20. Belper RC 25: K Dawson (GS Strada), 55:57. Team: Kiveton Park CC, 3:00:00. Antelope RT 25 (West Sussex, hilly): R Stimpson (Olympia Sport), 1:02:55. CC Breckland two-up (Thetford, 28.6 miles): G Taylor and A Stapleton (Leo RC), 1:01:50. South Eastern RC two-up (Cranleigh, 26 miles): S Dennis and S Blackmore (East Grinstead CC), 1:02:38. VC Free Press two-up (Cambridge, 25 miles): E Adkins and J French (VC Bad), 51:21 (event record). Team Rapide two-up (Preston, 25 miles): M Middleton (Cleveleys RC) and T Schools (Rapide), 53:41. Kettering Amateur CC three-up (25 miles): VC Slough (R Cosford, S Hunt and D Creese), 55:09 (event record). Mirfield CC 10: L Holmes (Leeds St Christophers), 22:14. Team: Leeds St Christophers, 1:08:51.

FENCING

DENVER: World junior championships: Men: Under-20 Foil: Final: J-E Rauhaus (Ger) bt D Soulier (Fr): 6-4, 5-3. British: 20, H Lancaster; 33, D McFarlane; 59, Khaled Beydoon. Women: Under-17 epee: Final: A Euskirchen (Ger) bt S Cometti (It), 5-3, 5-2. British: 28, D Catchpole; 29, N Carr; equal 48, S Paterson.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: Asian zone: Group F: Tokyo: Japan 8, Bangladesh 0; Thailand 1, Sri Lanka 0.

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Qualifying matches: Egypt 2, Mali 1; South Africa 0, Mauritius 0; Ghana 1, Liberia 0; Zambia 0, Zimbabwe 0.

Friday night's late results

FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Sheffield United 1, Manchester City 1; BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Stockport County 2, Rotherham United 2. Third division: Postponed: Colchester United v Northampton Town.

WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: Asian zone: Group C: North Korea 3, Vietnam 0; Qatar 3, Indonesia 1

AFRICAN NATIONS' CUP: Algeria 0, Sierra Leone 0.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Maastricht 1, Ajax 1.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Standard Liège 1, Waregem 1.

RIYADH: International match: Saudi Arabia 0, United States 2.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Durham City 3, Ferryhill Athletic 2; Hebburn 1, Peterlee Newtown 1. Second division: Esh Winning 2, Norton/Stockton 1; Horden 0, Shildon 4; Whickham 1, Billingham Town 6.

EAST KILBRIDE: Schools international: Scotland Under-16 2, Iceland Under-16 2.

GOLF

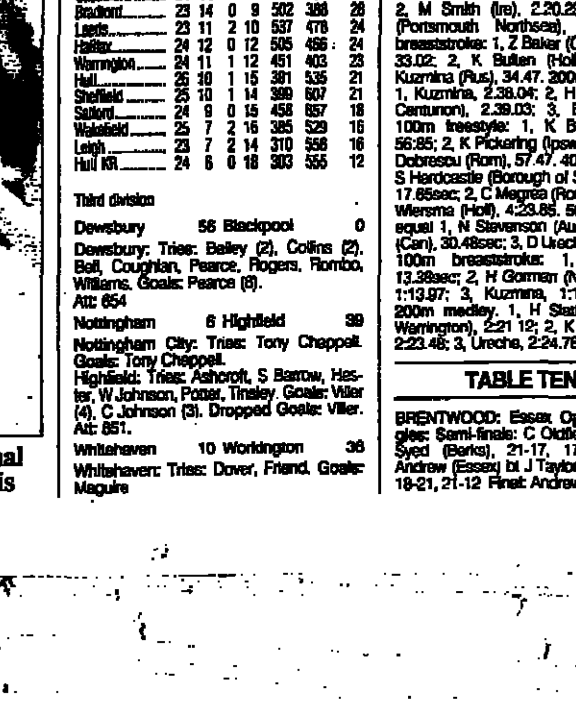
HATTIESBURG: Men's tournament: Third-round leaders (US unless stated): 199: G Kraft, 65, 70, 64; B Jaeckel, 68, 65, 66. 200: T Riyan, 66, 70, 64. 202: L Mattiace, 65, 70, 67; J Thorpe, 69, 66, 67; M Hatalsky, 69, 65, 68; J P Hayes, 68, 66, 68. 203: J Berlow, 69, 69, 65; M Kuramoto (Japan), 69, 68, 66; D Ogrin, 68, 68, 67; H Taylor, 67, 69, 67; David Delong, 67, 67, 69; J Cook, 64, 68, 71; S Utley, 68, 66, 69; J Woodland, 64, 68, 71.

SOUTHERNDOWN: Duncan Putter amateur tournament: Final leading scores: 289: M Thompson (Ferndown), 71, 72, 76, 70. 291: L Westwood (Worksop), 78, 68, 71, 74. 292: C O'Carroll (Brynhill), 71, 78, 70, 73; A Raitt (Richmond), 74, 72, 76, 70. 294: M Welch (Hill Valley), 73, 71, 75, 75. 295: G Houston (Flint), 71, 79, 72, 73. 296: B Dredge (Brynmeadows), 75, 75, 73, 71; C Rees (Ashburnham), 76, 73, 77, 70. 298: H Roberts (Southerndown), 79, 76, 76, 67; J G Germaine (Sunningdale), 74, 78, 74, 74; M Peet (Neath), 72, 80, 73, 73; M Smith (Ross-on-Wye), 73, 77, 77, 71; J Webber (Evesham), 74, 74, 75, 75; C Watts (Hawkstone Park), 74, 73, 78, 73; M Ellis (Wrexham), 72, 76, 78, 72.

HOCKEY

Folkestone International Festival: Saturday: Chalfont St Peter 2, Old Dragons 4; Imperial College 3, Exiles 1; EB Culverts 4, Selwyn Kiwis 0; Darlington 4, Oxpoly 1; Lloyds Bank 6, Royal Heraldes 1; Ghosts 1, Lloyds Bank 0; EU Thanasians 0, OAPs 3; Cliftonville 2, Nottingham University 1; Old Folkestonians 0, United Hospitals 0; Berkhamsted 0, Cocknotts 0; Atletico Winchester 5, Heracles 0; Havant 3, Ladykillers 5; Folkestone Optimists 2, Exiles 1; Birmingham University M, 6, Old Churchenians 1; Cliftonville 0, OAPs 4; Thanesians 6, Churchenians 2; Nottingham University 3, Selwyn 0; Chalfont St Peter 0, Darlington 1; Winchester 2, Exeter University 1; Berkhamsted 1, United Hospitals 1; Ghosts 4, Ladykillers 6. Yesterday: Cocknotts 0, Imperial College 0; Chalfont St Peter 3, Heracles 2; Folkestone Optimists 4, Oxpoly 1; Birmingham University 1, Ghosts 3; Folkestone Optimists 3, Thanesians 2; Berkhamsted 2, Cliftonville 3; Churchenians 1, Ladykillers 3; Lloyds Bank 3, Culverts 0; Old Dragons 2, OAPs 5; Chalfont St Peter 1, Exiles 1; Winchester 3, Folkestonians 1; Ghosts Veterans 2, Ladykillers Veterans 0. Darlington 0, Culverts 1; Folkestone Optimists 4, Heracles 0; Exeter University 6, Selwyn 0; Exiles 2, United Hospitals 1; Cliftonville 1, Churchenians 2, Thanesians 7. Nottingham University 1; Ghosts 2, OAPs 5; Festival XI, 1, Havant 5.

MAASTRICHT: European Youth Tournament: Boys: Under-18: Holland 7, Belgium 1; Germany 3, Spain 2; England 1, France 0; Holland 2, England 2; Spain 1, France 1; Belgium 0, Germany 3. Standings: 1, England, 7pts; 2, Holland, 6; 3, Germany, 6. Under-16: Holland 3, England 1: Germany 3, France 1; Scotland 0, Spain 1; Germany 3, Holland 0; Scotland 1, France 1; Spain 0, England 2. Standings: 1, Germany, 7pts; 2, England, 6; 3, Spain, 5. Girls: Under-18: Holland 2, Scotland 0; Germany 4, Spain 0; England 2, France 1; Holland 3, England 1; Spain 4, France 0; Scotland 0, Germany 6. Standings: 1, Germany, 8 pts; 2, Holland, 8; 3, Spain, 4. Under-16: Holland 2, England 0; Germany 3, France 0; Scotland 0, Spain 1; Holland 8, Scotland 0; France 0, Spain 2; England 0, Germany 1. Standings: 1, Holland, 8pts; 2, Germany, 8; 3, England, 4.



Sampras: won the final in Japan Open tennis

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Saturday: Detroit Red Wings 6, Buffalo Sabres 5; Chicago Blackhawks 4, Tampa Bay Lightning 2; Ottawa Senators 5, New York Islanders 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 4, New York Rangers 2; Quebec Nordiques 6, Hartford Whalers 3; New Jersey Devils 5, Washington Capitals 3; Los Angeles Kings 3, San Jose Sharks 2 (OT). Friday: Pittsburgh Penguins 10, New York Rangers 4; Calgary Flames 8, Vancouver Canucks 1.

MOTOR RACING

GOTEMBA, Japan: Formula 3000 All Japan championship series: Second leg (of 11): 1, K Hoshino (Japan), Lola, 59min 02.025sec; 2, M Apicella (It), Dome, 59:15.937; 3, E Irvine (GB), Lola, 59:20.265. Other British: 6, A Scott, Lola, 59:25.596.

MOTOR RALLYING

NAIROBI: Safari rally: Fourth leg (after 338.5km of 927.9kms): 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Toyota Celica 4WD, 2hr 45min (penalty time); 2, M Alen (Fin), Toyota Celica 4WD, 2:54.00; 3, I Duncan (Ken), Toyota Celica 4WD, 4:10.00; 4, Y Iwase (Japan), Toyota Celica 4WD, 4:17.00; 5, G Jack (Ken), Daihatsu Charade, 5:56.00; 6, A Patni (Ken), Daihatsu Charade, 6:43.00.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Easter meeting: 300 yds (15 shots at metric targets). 1, Miss K Judge (RAFTRC), 145.3; 2, A Barnes (Bedfordians), 143.4; 3, J Underwood (Surrey), 143. 900 yds: 1, A le Cheminant (Jer), 72.12; 2, Mrs S le Cheminant (Jer), 72.8; 3, V Carpenter (Lloyds Bank), 72.5. Queen's I: 1, C Mallett (Jer), 102.9; 2, H Hunter (West Scotland), 101.12; 3, N Cole-Hewlins (Twickenham), 101.12 (after countback). Queens II: 1, C Mallett (Jer), 146.19; 2, P Thompson (Sussex), 145.14; 3, P Cann (Devon), 144.16. Grand Aggregate leaders: 1, A Le Cheminant, 453.41; 2, Thompson, 452.32; 3, G Cann, 451.26; 4, J Pugsley (Devon), 450.25.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Sheffield 18 Hull 18

Sheffield: Tries: Carr, Jack, Stott. Goals: Aston 3.
Hull: Tries: Eastwood, Grant, L Jackson, Turner. Goals: Eastwood. Att: 3,500

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	25	19	1	5	603	327	39
Wigan	24	18	1	5	692	295	37
Widnes	24	15	0	9	505	389	30
Castleford	24	14	1	9	520	366	29
Bradford	23	14	0	9	502	388	28
Leeds	23	11	2	10	537	478	24
Halifax	24	12	0	12	505	466	24
Warrington	24	11	1	12	451	403	23
Hull	26	10	1	15	381	535	21
Sheffield	25	10	1	14	399	607	21
Salford	24	9	0	15	458	657	18
Wakefield	25	7	2	16	385	529	16
Leigh	23	7	2	14	310	558	16
Hull KR	24	6	0	18	303	555	12

Third division

Dewsbury 56 Blackpool 0

Dewsbury: Tries: Bailey (2), Collins (2), Bell, Coughlan, Pearce, Rogers, Rombo, Williams. Goals: Pearce (8).
Att: 654

Nottingham 6 Highfield 39

Nottingham City: Tries: Tony Chappell. Goals: Tony Chappell.
Highfield: Tries: Ashcroft, S Barrow, Hester, W Johnson, Potter, Tinsley. Goals: Viller (4), C Johnson (3). Dropped Goals: Viller.
Att: 651.

Whitehaven 10 Workington 36

Whitehaven: Tries: Dover, Friend. Goals: Maguire

Workington: Tries: Armstrong, Marwood, McKenzie, Mulligan, Smith. Goals: Marwood (8). Att: 3,807.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	23	20	0	3	891	274	40
Workington	24	19	0	5	835	237	38
Dewsbury	24	18	0	6	718	291	36
Ryedale York	23	16	0	7	719	323	32
Whitehaven	24	15	0	8	696	328	32
Batley	23	16	0	7	494	242	32
Doncaster	24	14	0	10	564	469	28
Hunslet	23	14	0	9	542	470	28
Highfield	24	6	0	18	310	915	12
Barrow	24	5	0	19	476	625	10
Chorley	24	5	0	19	317	781	10
Blackpool	24	4	0	20	302	958	8
Nottingham	24	1	0	23	181	1132	2

WINFIELD CUP: Newcastle Knights 4, North Sydney 16; Canberra Raiders 46, Cronulla-Sutherland 6; St George 15, Penrith 4; Western Suburbs 2, Illawarra Steelers 24; Gold Coast Seagulls 8, Manly-Warringah 14; Eastern Suburbs 18, South Sydney 4; Balmain Tigers 6, Brisbane Broncos 12

RUGBY UNION

DUNEDIN: Super 10 championship: Auckland 63, Otago 22

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Villeneuve D'ascq, France: Final: France 29, Argentina 31. Third place play-off: Italy 55, Poland 15.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 70, Ipswich 38. Cradley Heath 58, Eastbourne 50; Bradford 60, King's Lynn 47; Eastbourne 70, Bradford 38.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final: Swindon: 1, M Goodwin (Rye House), 14; 2, A Galvin (Arena Essex), 12; 3, B Howe (Ipswich), 12; 4, T Pratt (Arena Essex), 11.

SQUASH

TOURS: French Open: Quarter-finals: R Martin (Aus) bt S Frenz (Ger), 11-15, 15-10, 12-15, 15-9, 15-7; C Dittmar (Aus) bt J Bonetat (Fr), 15-10, 15-6, 15-7. Semi-finals: Martin bt H Wiens (Ger), 15-4, 15-11, 15-5; Dittmar bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-12, 15-4, 11-15, 17-15. Final: Dittmar bt Martin, 7-15, 15-7, 15-9, 17-16.

SWIMMING

EDINBURGH: International match: Men: 100m backstroke: 1, J Rouse (US), 56.32; 2 R Sloeserwij (Holl), 59.90; 3, G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 1:00.81. 50m butterfly: 1, J Olson (US), 24.83; 2, M Foster (Barnet Copthall), 25.09; 3, D Vandenhirtz (Ger), 25.39. 200m butterfly: 1, S Lopez (Sp), 2.02.49; 2, K Crosby (Warrington Warriors), 2.05.98; 3, I Wilson (City of Sunderland), 2.06.64. 400m medley: 1, Lopez, 4.28.56, 2, Wilson, 4.37.67; 3, D Warren (City of Leeds), 4.39.17. Men: 100m freestyle: 1, Olson, 50.24sec; 2, A Hickmann (Ger), 52.12; 3, A Kudriavtsev (Russ), 52.24. 400m freestyle: 1, P Palmer (City of Lincoln) 3min 57.14sec; 2, Wilson, 4.01.13; 3, G Smith (Stockport Metro), 4:04.28. 200m backstroke: 1, Rouse, 2:03.07; 2, Robins, 2:05.70; 3, Sloeserwij, 2:09.62. 100m breaststroke: 1, R Maden (City of Leeds), 1:03.96; 2, D Volkov (Russ), 1.04.22; 3, Lopez, 1:04.50. 100m butterfly: 1, Olson 56.30sec; 2, Lopez, 56.70; 3, C van Dam (Holl), 56.84. Women: 200m backstroke: 1, N Stevenson (Aus), 2.19.07; 2, M Smith (Ire), 2.20.29; 3, E Tattum (Portsmouth Northsea), 2.21.56. 50m breaststroke: 1, Z Baker (City of Sheffield), 33.02; 2, K Bulten (Holl), 34.41; 3, S Kuzmina (Rus), 34.47. 200m breaststroke: 1, Kuzmina, 2.38.04; 2, H Gormen (Nova Centurion), 2.39.03; 3, Bulten, 2.41.86. 100m freestyle: 1, K Brienesse (Holl), 56.85; 2, K Pickering (Ipswich), 57.07; 3, L Dobrescu (Rom), 57.47. 400m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (Borough of Southend), 4min 17.65sec; 2, C Megrea (Rom), 4:22.99, 3, B Wiersma (Holl), 4:23.85. 50m backstroke: equal 1, N Stevenson (Aus) and C Harris (Can), 30.48sec; 3, D Ureche (Rom), 31.43. 100m breaststroke: 1, Baker, 1min 13.38sec; 2, H Gorman (Nova Centurion), 1:13.97; 3, Kuzmina, 1:14.84. Women: 200m medley. 1, H Slatter (Warriors of Warrington), 2:21.12; 2, K Tellegen (Holl), 2:23.48; 3, Ureche, 2:24.78.

TABLE TENNIS

BRENTWOOD: Essex Open: Men: Singles: Semi-finals: C Oldfield (Yorks) bt M Syed (Berks), 21-17, 17-21, 22-20; S Andrew (Essex) bt J Taylor (Lancs), 21-19, 18-21, 21-12. Final: Andrew bt Oldfield, 21-13, 21-14. Doubles: Final: Andrew and Taylor bt J Holland (Derbys) and G Solder (Essex), 21-19, 22-20. Women: Singles: Semi-finals: E Timina (Russ) bt K Goodall (Yorks), 21-11, 21-12; A Gordon (Berks) bt G Schwartz (Berks), 21-12, 21-12. Final: Timina bt Gordon, 17-21, 21-8, 21-10. Doubles: Final: H Lower (Staffs) and L Radford (Essex) bt Gordon and J Roberts (Yorks), 21-19, 21-16.

TENNIS

TOKYO: Japan Open: Men: Semi-finals: P Sampras (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; B Gilbert (US) bt H Holm (Swe), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. Final: Sampras bt Gilbert, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. Women: Final: K Date (Japan) bt S Rottier (Holl), 6-1, 6-3.

BARCELONA: Men's tournament: Quarter-final: T Muster (Austria) bt R Krajicek (Holl), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Semi-finals: S Bruguera (Sp) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-0, 4-6, 6-4; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt Muster, 6-4, 6-3. Final: Medvedev bt Bruguera, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt S Stafford (US), 6-2, 6-4; G Sabatini (Arg) bt L Meskhi (Georgia), 6-1, 6-0; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt N Zvereva (Belarus), 6-0, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bt J Capriati (US), 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. Semi-finals: Sabatini bt Coetzer, 6-3, 6-2; Sánchez Vicario bt Maleeva-Fragnière, 6-4, 6-2.

YACHTING

BALA, Wales: British youth championships: Laser (boys). Race 9: 1, B Ainsley, 2, J Lowbridge, 3, C Cokayne. Race 10: 1, Ainsley, 2, I Percy; 3, A Coates. Race 11: 1, Coates; 2, A Simpson; 3, G Truswell. Overall. 1, Coates, 27.5pts; 2, Simpson, 32.5pts; 3, Percy, 44. Laser Radial. Race 9: 1, P Mountford; 2, A Burgess; 3, P Goodison. Race 10: 1, Mountford; 2, S Webb; 3, I MacKinlay. Race 10: P Wilkin; 3, P Goodison. Overall: 1, Mountford: 2, Wilkin; 3, E Wright. 405 class: Race 9: 1, A Friar and P Mortlock, 2, A Tobutt and H Clarke; 3, A Cooch and S Boyd. Race 10: 1, G Greer and A Cowling; 2, A Richardson and I Priest; 3, C Hamilton and A Powell. Overall: 1, Richardson and Priest; 2, A Fremantle and C Hopper; 3, J Rix and J Fox. 420 Class (boys): Overall: 1, R Wilson and D Mason; 2, R Lovering and S Hughes, 3, D Lenz and M Pullen. 420 class (girls): Overall: 1, S Nuttall and S Cuthbert, 2, H Lucas and T Roberts: 3, J Cuthbert and C Edwards.

BRITISH UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Quarter-finals: Southampton I bt Warwick; Southampton Institute bt Cambridge I; Oxford bt Portsmouth I; London I bt Swansea. Semi-finals: Southampton I bt Southampton Institute; Oxford bt London. Final: Southampton I bt Oxford. Women: Quarter-finals: Oxford bt Southampton I; Glasgow bt Durham; Swansea bt Edinburgh; Cambridge bt Exeter. Semi-finals: Glasgow bt Oxford; Swansea bt Cambridge. Final: Swansea bt Glasgow.

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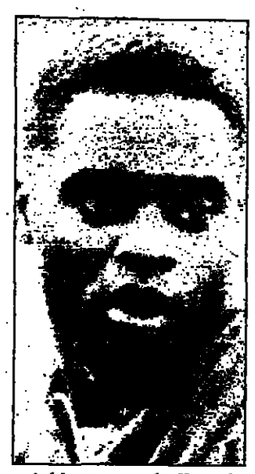
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Title-hunting managers feeling the pressure


Atkinson: mask slipped



Rob Hughes pays his tribute to the stylish approach of the teams pursuing the championship crown

THE Premier League will be won by the team who cherish victory more than they fear defeat. Yet even with the Easter tide that normally separates the sprinter from the stayers, it would take a fool to put serious money either on Manchester United, who lead by one point, or Aston Villa.

The race is thrillingly unpredictable. The lead has already changed 22 times, the plot has more strands than Spaghetti Junction, and as Villa go to Arsenal today, as United travel to Coventry, lovers of the game should be thankful that footballing teams have risen above the mediocrity.

Manchester United, Villa and — bless their brave effort — Norwich have tried to be stylists all season long. It is harder to separate the top two because the final burst requires courage on a higher plane to the sheer effort synonymous with much of our football. To remain true to their style, United and Villa need somehow to conquer nerves and to relax at the height of performance, to improvise despite the strain.

That quality deserted Villa in Saturday's 0-0 draw against Coventry. It came excruciatingly late to Old Trafford, where Manchester beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 in the sixth minute of added time. And with both Ron Atkinson and Alex Ferguson, the two managers, attempting to put up a front, nobody should be deluded by them telling everybody that the players are having so much fun.

Rubbish. It is tension on tension, and the managers feel it in their gut. A year ago Fergie irritably switched his selections, twitched at the prospect of becoming the first manager since Matt Busby to make United champions, and betrayed his own confidence.

Now, like Atkinson, he tries to hide uncertainty with a smile. They both build ulcers inside, yet they attempt to show the face of tranquility. If they do not win the League, they might at least win an Oscar. But body language lets them down. On Saturday, Atkinson came down to the touchline after 24 minutes, far earlier than his custom. He wore a heavy black coat, dark glasses, and he jabbed a finger impatiently in the air. At Old Trafford, the TV pictures caught Ferguson cavorting on to the field like a puppy, a 50-year-old sprung out of jail by the late, late turnaround.

Ferguson will look sheepishly at that premature celebration. But it is not only the managers, but whole communities that are being lifted one minute, lowered the next. At Villa Park Shaun Teale admitted: "We huffed and we puffed, but we created few chances." Indeed, the three that came were squandered by Dalian Atkinson, a forward rushed back so soon after surgery on a stomach muscle. Perhaps too soon.

Moments after his third miss the electronic scoreboard indicated that Sheffield Wednesday had gone a goal up at Old Trafford. Villa's Holte End erupted. They thought it was all over. Not until six minutes after the final whistle did Villa Park groan at the knowledge that Steve Bruce had literally turned the other match on its head.

And soon after that Atkinson became uncharacteristically tetchy, swearing at a journalist who asked what went wrong, and swearing blind that his team had played well, and "if anything were too relaxed". In fact, Villa revealed two faults the opposite to English traits: they passed too much, and they shot from too far outside the penalty box.

United have now overcome their March jitters to register wins over Norwich and Sheffield Wednesday, and their 5-2 aggregate scoreline precisely equals that which Villa have laboured to achieve over seven games. If it comes down to goal difference, this period will certainly tell.

And the difference between the two teams on current performance might be that while Villa's best footballing brain, McGrath, plays predominantly at the back, Giggs, Hughes and Sharp are all on fire up front for their rivals.

Villa can expect difficult game at Highbury

BY KEITH PIKE

THE Premier League championship marathon turns into a sprint for the line today, with Manchester United having taken a slender lead over Aston Villa as they rounded the last bend on Saturday. With five matches each to play, the home straight takes a detour via Highbury and Highfield Road this afternoon.

Coventry City, having cost Villa top place by holding them to a goalless draw, can restore the equilibrium when United visit them in turn. But they will have to improve on their last showing against Alex Ferguson's team. United beat Coventry 5-0 on December 28, and showed on Saturday — when Steve Bruce scored twice late on to earn victory over **Sheffield Wednesday** — that they do not have to rely on the likes of Hughes, Giggs and Cantona to win matches.

Villa, one point behind, appear to have the harder task today against **Arsenal**, who have won six of their last eight games and who have several players striving to earn a place in the Coca-Cola Cup final against Wednesday next weekend.

Paul Merson, who scored Arsenal's winner against **Ipswich Town** on Saturday, has warned Villa not to expect any favours. "Villa are going to have a hard game at our place," Merson said. "No one can be sure of their place for the final and everyone wants to play in it. You could tell how motivated the players are by the way tackles were going in against Ipswich. It will be the same against Villa."

Whether Merson himself lines up against Villa is open to doubt. The birth of his second child is a week overdue, and George Graham, the Arsenal manager, has given him permission to withdraw from the side if his wife, Lorraine, goes into labour before the game.

Dean Saunders scored the only goal when Villa beat Arsenal in December, and could not chose a better time to end his personal goal drought, which now stands at ten games.

Ipswich, who went fifth by beating **Blackburn Rovers** at Portman Road at Christmas, go into the return tonight in seventeenth place, sucked into relegation trouble after an appalling run which has seen them take four points out of 33. Nerves will be equally tense at Selhurst Park this afternoon, when **Crystal Palace** and **Middlesbrough** meet, and at the City Ground in Nottingham, where **Forest** come up against **Tottenham Hotspur**.

Victory for **Newcastle United** over **Oxford United** will guarantee them at least a first division play-off place, but with Guy Whittingham-inspired **Portsmouth** going so well, the championship is anything but secure. Portsmouth are at home to **Derby County** today.

Stoke City, who visit **Rotherham United**, can re-establish a ten-point lead over **Port Vale** at the top of the second division, while a draw at home to **Lincoln City** will be good enough for **Cardiff City** to knock **Barnet** off the top of the third.

Bruce heads United's injury time advance

Ian Ross sees a captain's double prevent an unhappy ending for an Old Trafford audience with championship expectations

LIKE all good tales of mystery and suspense, Manchester United's 2-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday did not give up its secrets easily.

An admirable cast had embroidered a sound, if somewhat predictable, plot and, as the climax beckoned, an enraptured audience suppressed a natural instinct to drift towards the exits.

Everyone seemed content. The hero's reputation for overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds may not have been enhanced, but the villain's nose had been bloodied and a measure of self-respect regained.

Only when the final curtain was scheduled to fall did the existence of an unexpected sub-plot become apparent. About 80 miles away, the players of Aston Villa were no doubt languishing in the bath rueing their failure to defeat Coventry City when Steve Bruce flung himself forward to meet a cross from Pallister which would have carried substantially less threat had its trajectory not been altered by contact with Worthington's head.

As Bruce's header flew between the grasping fingertips of Woods and a post, the entertainment had already been extended by seven minutes.

Another 90 seconds were to elapse before John Hilditch, the senior linesman who had replaced Michael Peck, the injured referee, after an hour, saw fit to signal the end.

The destiny of the Premier League in its inaugural season may have been decided not by skill or by courage, but by the generosity of a stand-in referee who saw fit to suspend time for as long as it took Manchester United to suspend logic.

The managers of both teams resorted to humour as they attempted to find a reason for the protracted period of injury time.

Why not? Alex Ferguson did not need to emphasise the significance of the additional two points and Trevor Francis, although he did not concede as much, was more concerned about the health of his players than the manner in which they had tossed aside what would have been a significant victory.

"We did not start playing until the 99th minute," Ferguson said. Francis, who had weakened Wednesday's attack by omitting Hirst and Warhurst, said that his side's fate had been sealed "seven minutes and 14 seconds into added time". He did not, however, seem too bitter.

Wednesday's primary objective may have been the preservation of tired limbs in readiness for the Coca-Cola Cup final on Sunday, but the fluency and precision of their football often threatened to embarrass United, who attacked with flair but defended with naivety.

The outcome appeared to have been decided when, four minutes after his unexpected promotion, Hilditch bravely decreed Ince's tackle on Waddle, deep inside the penalty area, to be illegal and Sheridan converted the kick. "I don't think Mike Peck would have given it," Ferguson said wryly.

Having pounded away without success at a Wednesday defence which was marshalled expertly by Palmer, United would undoubtedly have settled for the share of the spoils which was guaranteed by Bruce's looping header from Irwin's corner after 84 minutes.

"To be honest, after hearing Villa's result, I would have been happy with a point," Ferguson said. It was an understatement of outrageous proportions.

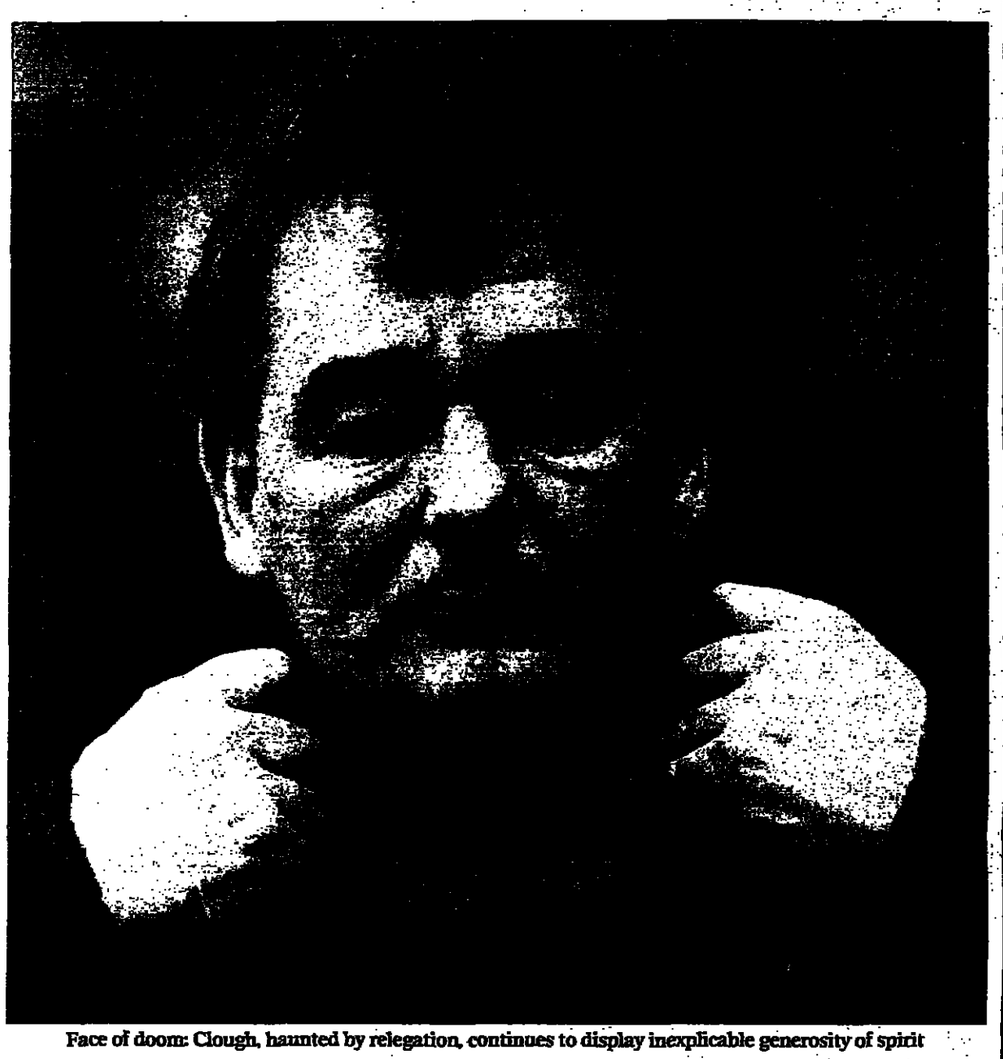
MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel, P Parker (sub: B Robson), D Irwin, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, E Cantona, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods; R Nilsson, N Worthington, C Palmer, J Sheridan, V Anderson, D Wilson (sub: C Bart-Williams), C Waddle, P King, N Jemson (sub: M Bright), G Watson.

Referee: M Peck (sub: J Hilditch)

Hollow ring to Clough survival tactics

Simon Barnes awards Nottingham Forest high style marks but deducts points for footballing content


Face of doom: Clough, haunted by relegation, continues to display inexplicable generosity of spirit

And so football's equivalent of death by the thousand cuts continues, as Brian Clough took another public razoring on Saturday.

People keep telling me that his team, Nottingham Forest, are *too good* to go down. Well, if they're so good, how come they don't get any points?

They should have picked up three on Saturday when they came across a Queens Park Rangers defence in holiday humour, full of the end-of-term spirit. But Forest, where they should have been desperate in defence, were simply woeful. They looked like losers all through and that took a lot of doing, because they were mostly in the lead.

They led 1-0 after nine minutes; were 2-1 down at the interval: fought back to lead 3-2; finally lost 4-3. To lose the lead once could be regarded as a misfortune. To do so twice looks like relegation. For all their fancy ways with a football, there is an air of doom about this Nottingham Forest.

To be more precise, there is an air of doom about their manager. One of the few interesting aspects of the cult of the manager is the way in which the team reflects the nature of the manager: and the changes in the fortunes of a team are in turn reflected in the shifting personality of the football manager.

What we saw on Saturday was a team that looked terrific on the ball, but which, when under duress, seemed to be in the process of disintegration.

One cannnot help but wonder whether, and if so to what extent, one is also watching the disintegration of the personality of the manager Brian Clough.

That face, so well-scrubbed and shiny when he seemed to have the gift of eternal youth as he played the role of Principal Boy at Derby County all those years ago, has plainly become an abode of demons. This seems to be a face that knows more than worry: it appears to know horror.

And there was his son, Nigel, playing at the back with his forward's touch, in his No. 9 shirt as well, neat as you please. He had a forward's understanding of defence as well.

On a day when defensive generosity on both sides was almost pathological, one wonders what precisely was the nature of this particular masterplan. It is all getting terribly weird at Nottingham Forest.

Weirder still is the fact that Clough *père* will be praised to the end of his season for his refusal to rely on expedience. He continues to manage a side that plays pretty football in the face of disaster. It is either gloriously quixotic, or a refusal to face reality: either way, Forest are moving towards relegation with the most elegant of paces.

I am all for watching pretty football, and in theory, I am all for the these dying gasps of Cloughian quixotry. But tell me this: if it so important to win your matches the pretty way, why doesn't football give points for artistic impression?

Certainly, Cloughie could do with a few 5.8s to help their league position, and no doubt Forest are Betty Callaway's favourite team as well. But surely what Forest are providing is not artistry, but mere style without content. This is as much an error in art as it is in football.

In both art and sport, to over-value style is to lose the point of what you are doing. A stylist produces a meringue, a charming confection that is 90 per cent air. Great sport, like great art, must be based solidly on content: in football, this involves goals and victories.

To play down the relevance of content is the way to bad art and bad sport. A lack of content is a betrayal both of your art, if you are an artist, or of your game, if you are in sport. And Clough, in valuing style over content, has not, in truth, been keeping the faith, as his admirers will say to the bitter end. He has been guilty of a subtle form of betrayal.

He seems to be becoming, in the infinitely trivial world of sport, a figure of genuinely tragic stature: a man of colossal achievements finally brought low by hubris. No man bestrode the world of football with a greater sense of occasion and style: no man did so with a greater sense of his own worth.

To sustain such a myth has been a superhuman strain. We have seen the gradual falling-off from those great days when all European football held him in awe: European Cups in successive years and all that.

There seems little left but the shell: a silent shell in the dug-out haunted by demons. Was it a face like this that Dorian Gray saw when he examined his picture in the attic?

Brian Clough has known glory the like of which most of us shall never see. The price he has paid is written on that haunted face.

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Weekly change			P	Pts	Goal diff	W	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	L	(H-A)	For	(H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Recent form
1	(+2)	Manchester Utd	37	69	+27	19	(12-7)	12	(5-7)	6	(2-4)	56	(33-23)	29	(13-16)	lddww
2	(-1)	Aston Villa	37	68	+19	19	(12-7)	11	(5-6)	7	(2-5)	52	(33-19)	33	(14-19)	ddwlwd
3	(-1)	Norwich	38	65	-5	19	(11-8)	8	(6-2)	11	(2-9)	52	(26-26)	57	(17-40)	wwdwll
4	(0)	Blackburn	36	56	+16	15	(10-5)	11	(4-7)	10	(4-6)	56	(32-24)	40	(17-23)	ddwwwl
5	(+3)	QPR	37	52	+3	14	(9-5)	10	(5-5)	13	(5-8)	52	(38-16)	49	(30-19)	lldldl
6	(+4)	Tottenham	35	52	-2	14	(10-4)	10	(4-6)	11	(4-7)	48	(34-14)	50	(21-29)	wlddww
7	(-2)	Manchester City	36	51	+9	14	(7-7)	9	(5-4)	13	(5-8)	50	(26-24)	41	(18-23)	wldlwd
8	(-2)	Sheffield Wed	35	51	+4	13	(7-5)	12	(6-6)	10	(3-7)	44	(24-20)	40	(19-21)	lwlddl
9	(-2)	Coventry	38	51	+1	13	(7-8)	12	(3-9)	13	(9-4)	48	(26-22)	47	(24-23)	lldlwd
10	(+1)	Arsenal	35	50	+3	14	(7-7)	8	(4-4)	13	(5-8)	35	(20-15)	32	(15-17)	dwwdll
11	(-2)	Chelsea	38	50	-1	12	(7-5)	14	(7-7)	12	(5-7)	43	(23-20)	44	(19-25)	ddddwl
12	(0)	Wimbledon	37	49	+3	13	(8-5)	10	(4-6)	14	(7-7)	50	(30-20)	47	(21-26)	wwwdlw
13	(0)	Liverpool	36	49	-1	13	(10-3)	10	(4-6)	13	(4-9)	47	(29-18)	48	(16-32)	wwwdlw
14	(0)	Southampton	38	49	-2	13	(10-3)	10	(5-5)	15	(4-11)	49	(30-19)	51	(20-31)	dwllw
15	(0)	Everton	37	48	-1	14	(7-7)	6	(5-1)	17	(6-11)	45	(23-22)	46	(20-26)	wlwlww
16	(+1)	Leeds	36	47	-1	12	(12-0)	11	(6-5)	13	(1-12)	50	(39-11)	51	(16-35)	wwddlw
17	(-1)	Ipswich	38	46	-5	10	(6-4)	16	(9-7)	12	(4-8)	43	(24-19)	48	(20-28)	lldlll
18	(+2)	Sheffield Utd	36	41	-3	11	(9-2)	8	(6-2)	17	(4-13)	43	(26-15)	46	(14-32)	wllwwd
19	(-1)	Crystal Palace	36	41	-13	9	(4-5)	14	(9-5)	13	(5-8)	41	(20-21)	54	(21-33)	ddwddl
20	(-1)	Oldham	37	39	-11	10	(8-2)	9	(5-4)	18	(5-13)	53	(35-18)	64	(24-40)	ldwwdl
21	(+1)	Middlesbrough	38	37	-22	9	(7-2)	10	(4-6)	19	(8-11)	44	(27-17)	66	(24-42)	ldllwl
22	(-1)	Nottm Forest	37	36	-18	9	(5-4)	9	(4-5)	19	(10-9)	37	(15-22)	55	(22-33)	ldwlll

Writers honour Goram

ANDY Goram, the Rangers goalkeeper, has been voted player of the year by the Scottish Football Writers' Association. Goram, 28, is the fourth goalkeeper to win the award.

The Scottish international was chosen by a large margin from his Ibrox colleague, Ally McCoist, last year's winner, with two other Rangers players, Mark Hateley and Stuart McCall, third and fourth.

Goram, who has kept a blank sheet 22 times this season, was honoured for several memorable displays for Rangers in the European Cup and for Scotland in World Cup qualifying matches.

☐ Diego Maradona, of Argentina, had a two-match suspension cut to one game on Saturday after appealing to the Spanish soccer federation against the ban imposed following a brawl at a match between his club, Sevilla, and Cadiz.

Webb's case weakened by Banger's intervention

Peter Robinson weighs up the contestants in the battle for Stamford Bridge. Or will Bates and Webb build a harmonious duopoly?

IT PROMISES to be the most interesting contest of the season at Stamford Bridge: Bates v Webb, pugnacious present v glorious past, chairman Ken v would-be manager Dave. Behind the door with a "Do not disturb" sign, they will face each other across a table and battle will commence.

Both will want the same result, a victory for Chelsea. The problem is whether it can be achieved together or whether Bates, the club's inimitable chairman, will look elsewhere for someone to help him achieve it. As job interviews go, it should be a classic.

Webb is in the middle of a trial spell in the manager's chair. He has already passed his first test, lifting the club away from trouble at the wrong end of the Premier League table, despite the 1-0 defeat at Southampton on Saturday; he is now answering his second, giving as much notice as he can that he is ready to bring the good times back to west London.

He offers an attractive CV. As much as anyone, he represents the halcyon days when Chelsea were among the best teams in the country and Stamford Bridge echoed to the sound of "Blue is the colour . . ." He was the buccaneer to Osgood's artist, the man who won the FA Cup. More to the point, perhaps, he has also managed clubs successfully in the past. The only question, it seems, is whether Bates is willing to let Webb get on with the job on his terms. That is a pretty big question. Neither man is known for his penchant for compromise.

Those looking for signs of the outcome on Saturday were disappointed. Bates, back from holiday in the United States, sat in the directors' box at The Dell, intent but impassive; Webb sat next to him. Occasionally, they put their heads together, nodded sagely and then returned to their thoughts. Serious men with a serious problem — making Chelsea great again.

It would have helped if Chelsea had won, but they never looked like doing that. With the lanky Cascarino suspended, it was men against diddymen, Southampton's regulation-size back four against a tiny Chelsea attack of Fleck, 5ft 6in, and Spencer, 5ft 6in "in his boots". For all Chelsea's energy and enterprise, maintaining a seven-match unbeaten run was always going to be a tall order.

Instead, they played second fiddle to Le Tissier, who strolled around The Dell as befits the lord in his manor. His visionary shot from the touchline was the highlight of the first half, his brilliant flick over a bewildered Sinclair before another potshot, the best moment of the second.

Both times, Beasant in the Chelsea goal denied him and, indeed, he and his opposite number, Flowers, were outstanding. Instinctive saves littered the match and it was unlucky for Beasant that he should be caught out by Dowie's stinging drive after the break, Banger winning the race for the rebound and burying the winner.

SOUTHAMPTON: T Flowers; J Kenna, M Adams, T Hurlock (sub: T Widdrington), K Moore, K Monkou, N Banger, I Dowie, N Maddison, J Dodd.
CHELSEA: D Beasant; S Clarke, F Sinclair, A Townsend, E Johnsen, M Donaghy, G Stuart (sub: D Barnard), J Spencer, P Fleck (sub: N Shipperley), G Hall, D Wise.
Referee: W Burge.

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Leicester offer scant resistance as West Ham get back on promotion trail with clear-cut victory

West Ham boosted by Speedie repair job

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By Keith Pike

WEST Ham, their promotion hopes punctured by a run of only two wins in six games and in need of urgent repairs, got back on the road yesterday with a crucial victory over fifth-placed Leicester City at Upton Park. David Speedie, taunted by his own supporters at the start, quickly won them over with West Ham's first two goals, and Leicester's drive evaporated — a Speedie repair job indeed, and timed to perfection.

That it could have been an even more rewarding afternoon for West Ham — a fourth goal would have seen them leapfrog back over Portsmouth into second place, engaged in automatic — will not unduly worry him.

Before yesterday, the 33-year-old striker had enjoyed as many clubs — four — as goals this season, and had not managed one for West Ham in five starts.

His task was made simple by Leicester, who were woeful. How they managed to take 25 points out of the previous 27 will remain a mystery to anybody seeing them for the first time yesterday.

Their marking, in particular, was negligent, and after a promising start, their attacks powderpuff. One poor game does not make for a poor team but with Millwall due to visit Filbert Street on Wednesday and a trip to Swindon Town to follow, it is a bad time to lose momentum.

Leicester did create the first opening, Joachim heading weakly wide from Philpott's cross, but by the time they threatened again West Ham were 2-0 up and coasting.

Speedie's first in the eleventh minute was put on a plate for him by a move which typified West Ham's performance: slick, quick and too good for the visitors. Keen inspired it, Robson took up the running and Robson had more trouble evading Morley than any Leicester defender before squaring the ball to Speedie, all alone on the six-yard line.

If that was down to team work, Speedie's second 18 minutes later was quality finishing, pure and simple. Timing his run to perfection as Keen threaded a pass behind Smith, Speedie, who had missed two similar openings in West Ham's last home match — this time showed no nerves at all, curling the ball wide of the hopelessly exposed Poole.

Speedie, on loan from Southampton after two unhappy spells with West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City, had four good chances to complete a hat-trick, heading wide from Robson's cross, failing by inches to connect with Morley's pass, and twice finishing poorly when left with only Poole to beat.

Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, would like to sign him permanently but cannot afford him. Maybe now he will organise a whipround.

Morley and Robson each had two chances to further embarrass Leicester after Keen had scored a deserved third for West Ham three minutes into the second half, his low 20-yard shot skidding out of Poole's reach.

Leicester had their moments. Walsh — nine goals in nine games since following Paul Warhurst's successful move from centre half to centre forward — forcing a fine save from Miklosko, but Brian Little, the Leicester manager, conceded his side could have lost by six.

WEST HAM UNITED: L Miklosko, T Breacker, J Dicks, S Potts, A Gale, I Bishop, M Robson, P Butler, D Speedie, T Morley, K Keen.

LEICESTER CITY: K Poole; G Coatsworth (sub: A James), G Mills, R Smith, S Walsh, C Hill, D Oldfield, S Thompson, J Joachim, D Lowe, L Philpott (sub: M Whitlow).

Referee: G Poll

PAUL BROOKS



Speedie score: the West Ham striker chips the ball over Poole for the first of his two goals at Upton Park yesterday

Little's success runs in family

York City..................3
Cardiff City...............1

By Louise Taylor

AN ASSORTMENT of good luck cards adorn the manager's office at York City, and Alan Little deserves them.

The younger brother of Brian Little, the Leicester City manager, he has been in charge at York for seven games since John Ward left for Bristol Rovers.

At 37, two years Brian's junior, it is Alan Little's first managerial post, in which he has presided over four wins, a draw and two defeats.

Saturday's win removed Cardiff from the top of the third division and left York looking certainties for the play-offs with a chance of automatic promotion.

Brother Brian, the former Aston Villa and England winger, faces a similar scenario two divisions higher at Leicester, but if these are exciting times for the Littles, it has not always been so.

A broken leg ended Alan Little's less distinguished playing career at 30 and the seven subsequent years were spent coaching at York, where he never courted the manager's job. Having got it he looks a natural, conducting his post-match press conference like an old stager.

York's well-drilled, direct approach — "we play to our strength," Little said — frequently caught Cardiff out on the counter-attack. The Welshmen's defence, including Kevin Ratcliffe who did not enjoy marking Paul Barnes, was ponderous.

The first goal for York arrived when Blackstone crossed on to the forehead of the unmarked McCarthy. Blackstone made it two with a well-executed free kick and Pepper volleyed a third in the second half. Cardiff claimed a late consolation through Griffith, but by then their 1,500 supporters had left a trail of missiles on the pitch and damaged a fence.

YORK CITY: D Kiely; A McMillan, W Hall, N Pepper, P Stancliffe, P Atkin, J McCarthy, A Canham, P Barnes, G Swann, I Blackstone (sub: I Borthwick).

CARDIFF CITY: G Ward; R James, D Searle, D Brazil, J Perry, K Ratcliffe, P Ramsey (sub: N Matthews), N Richardson, P Stant, C Pike (sub: N Blake), C Griffith.

Referee: R Nixon.

Former soldier deadly at close range

Russell Kempson sees a record-breaking *marksman with the gift of creativity* who is lifting Portsmouth to the heights

GUY Whittingham is not a typical prolific goalscorer. He is not 6ft-plus, has not graduated through the hard school youth ranks and is not a selfish good-for-nothing who simply preys off his team-mates.

Whittingham is 28, 5ft 10in, learnt his trade in the army and plays a team role from the old outside left slot. Creation is as much a part of his game as finishing: a rare combination and one that is guarded jealously at Fratton Park.



Whittingham: on target

Forty four goals, including four hat-tricks, from the former soldier have propelled Portsmouth to the brink of the Premier League this season. The 44th, an abrupt close-range flourish against Bristol Rovers at Twerton Park on Saturday, helped Portsmouth to a 2-1 victory, their eighth win in nine matches, and closed the gap on Newcastle United, the first division leaders, to five points.

Little had been seen of Whittingham before his 52nd minute strike, which broke the club's 66-year-old scoring record held by Billy Haines. Much of his time had been spent trawling the flanks, creating space for Walsh down the middle and confusing the Bristol Rovers defence with diagonal runs. But when the moment arrived, he was there. "The ball was ricocheting all over the place, but you could almost bet it would drop to Whittingham," John Ward, the Rovers manager, said.

Jim Smith, the Portsmouth manager, has yet to persuade his most prized asset to sign a new contract. He knows the value of a regular marksman — he nursed John Aldridge through his formative years at Oxford United — and how vital he will become if their Premier League goal is realised. "Guy's scoring record is incredible, but he is just as important to us for the amount of work he puts in outside the area," he said.

Rovers, seven points adrift at the bottom of the table, could have used just a fraction of Whittingham's predatory instincts. At 2-0 down, Kristensen having given Portsmouth a first-half lead, they were rewarded for undying enthusiasm when Stewart chipped in a delightful effort over Knight with 20 minutes left.

Ward has inherited little more than a team of triers in the post-Malcolm Allison era, yet must have spotted something at the Bath-based club to lure him away from York City, who lie third in the third division. Next month, though, Rovers will head in the opposite direction to Portsmouth. It is as certain as Whittingham scoring from a few yards out.

BRISTOL ROVERS: A Beasley; I Alexander (sub: P Hardyman), A Tillson, S Yates, W Clark, A Pounder (sub: C Saunders), J Channing, A Reece, J Taylor, M Stewart, G Waddock.

PORTSMOUTH: A Knight; A Awford, G Butters, A McLoughlin (sub: W Aspinall), K Symons, R Daniel, W Neil, M Chamberlain, P Walsh (sub. G Lawrence), G Whittingham, B Kristensen.

Referee: B Hill

McCarthy lucky not to see red

Keith Pike witnesses nerves aplenty as Millwall and Tranmere Rovers fall short of aspirations in goalless pursuit of play-off place

TENSION is a cruel thing. Not enough of it, and you cannot hope to compete; too much, and you freeze, unable to do when it matters most what you would normally do in your sleep. The Den was awash with the stuff on Saturday.

It left nobody unaffected: players, officials, managers, even the normally laid-back Cold Blow Lane crowd succumbed to the pressure as Millwall and Tranmere Rovers engaged head-to-head in what is likely to be a two-club battle for the fourth and final first division play-off place.

The players suffered first. Twice, Pat Nevin, Tranmere's makeshift striker in the continued absence of Aldridge, was through with only Keller to beat. You could almost hear his stomach churning, almost see the muscles tighten in his legs. Twice, the ball was sent bobbling wide.

"He is an international player and normally sticks them away for fun," John King, the Rovers manager, said. Humour, though, was in short supply.

Nevin would have had a third chance had Tony McCarthy not brought him down 25 yards out with the kind of tackle from behind that Fifa, football's international governing body, had in mind when it legislated on the professional foul.

The charitable view was that, bearing in mind the string of chances that had gone astray before, Nevin would have needed the ball at his feet on the goalline and the opposition blindfolded and locked in the dressing-room for it to be construed a clear goalscoring chance. But, with the laws crying out for a red card, cue the pressure: Dermot Gallagher, the referee, brandished yellow.

Goodman felt it, too, picking out Nixon early on while two-thirds of the Tranmere goal stood vacant. And Moralee, whose close-range shot was fired against his colleague, Rae.

Eventually, it permeated the dug-outs and the stands. Mick McCarthy, the Millwall manager, who had just seen Kerr's 86th-minute effort, following a frantic scramble in the goalmouth, disallowed, kicked the bucket — 25 yards, with the best volley of the match — and lived to tell a tale of frustration.

Police, sensing a nasty atmosphere simmering on the terraces, afforded the officials an escort off the pitch. Only a game? You must be joking.

MILLWALL: K Keller; K Cunningham, I Dawes, A May (sub: A Roberts), A McCarthy, G Maguire, A Rae, J Goodman (sub: J Kerr), M Allen, J Moralee, P Barber.

TRANMERE ROVERS: E Nixon, D Higgins, G Brannan, K Irons, M Proctor, S Vickers, S Mungall, D Martindale, C Malkin, P Nevin, A Thomas.

Referee: D Gallagher.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Premier league

A VILLA (0) 0 COVENTRY (0) 0
38,543
IPSWICH (1) 1 ARSENAL (1) 2
Wark 27 (pen) — Smith 2 Merson 87
20,358
LEEDS (2) 5 BLACKBURN (0) 2
Strachan 8, 26 (2 pens), 59 — Gallacher 72 Atkins 85
Rod Wallace 67 — 31,791
Chapman 89
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 OLDHAM (0) 0
Rush 60 — 36,129
MAN UTD (0) 2 SHEFF WED (0) 1
Bruce 86 90 — Sheridan 65 (pen)
40,102
MIDDLSBRO (0) 1 EVERTON (1) 2
Wilkinson 64 — Watson 26
16,627 — Radosavljevic 80
QPR (2) 4 NOTTM F (1) 3
Ferdinand 38, 0, 73 — Bannister 8 Black 49, 54
Wilson 45 (pen) — 15,815
SOUTHMPTN (0) 1 CHELSEA (0) 0
Banger 49 — 15,135

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 1, Wivenhoe 1; Bromley 0, Wokingham 2; Carshalton 1, Chesham 1; Enfield 1, Dulwich 2; Grays 1, Staines 1; Hayes 0, St Albans 0; Kingstonian 2, Reading (Marlow 1, Bognor 2, Windsor and Eton 2; Stevenage Borough 4. Postponed: Aylesbury v Hendon. First division: Abingdon 0, Hitchin 1; Aveley 3, Maidenhead 3, Barking 1, Walton and Hersham 1, Billericay 2, Uxbridge 1; Bishops Stortford 2, Heybridge Swifts 1; Boreham Wood 0, Purfleet 0, Lewes 0, Whyteleafe 2, Molesey 4, Croydon 2; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Dorking 0; Wembley 0, Leyton 2. Second division: Barton 1, Tilbury 2; Egham 2, Metropolitan Police 1; Hemel Hempstead 1, Banstead 1; Hungerford 1, Edgware 1; Malden Vale 1, Newbury 2, Rainham 0, Leatherhead 1; Ruislip Manor 2, Harefield 1; Saffron Walden 2, Chertsey 2, Southall 2, Witham 1, Worthing 1, Ware 0. Postponed: Berkhamsted v Hampton. Third division: Aldershot 2, Thame 1, Bracknell 0, Cove 1; Clapton 1, Kingsbury 1; Collier Row 3, Petersfield 0, Feltham and Hounslow B 2, Hornchurch 2, Flackwell Heath 3, East Thurrock 1; Horsham 0, Hertford 2; Leighton 3, Epsom and Ewell 3; Northwood 3, Camberley 1; Royston 1, Tring 1. Aldershot win title.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton 1 Droylsden 2; Colwyn Bay 3, Fleetwood 1, Emley 0, Accrington Stanley 3; Frickley 1, Matlock 0, Horwich 2, Chorley 1, Hyde 3, Bishop Auckland 1; Morecambe 1, Marine 1; Mossley 2, Gainsborough 1; Southport 3, Barrow 0; Whitley Bay 2, Goole 0, Winsford 2. Leek 0. First division: Alfreton 4, Gt Harwood 0; Ashton 1, Harrogate 1, Bridlington 2, Netherfield 1, Caernarfon 1, Eastwood 1; Gretna 1, Warrington 0; Guiseley 3, Farsley Celtic 2, Radcliffe Borough 3, Worksop 3; Rossendale 3, Knowsley 8.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 3, Harrogate Rly 1, Denaby 3, Winterton 2; Eccleshill 0, Thackley 3, Liversedge 2, Sheffield 1, North Ferriby 1 Ossett Albion 3, Ossett Town 3, Glasshoughton Wel 3; Pickering 1, Brigg 1; Pontefract Col 2, Maltby MW 1, Spennymoor 3, Belper 1; Stocksbridge P S 1, Ashfield 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First division: Atherton LR 1, Clitheroe 1, Blackpool 1, Darwen 3, Bradford Park Avenue 1 Burscough 2, Chadderton 4, St Helens 0, Eastwood Hanley 1, Skelmersdale 0; Maine Road

Barclays League

First division

BARNSLEY (0) 0 GRIMSBY (1) 2
4,958 — Mendonca 30 Dobbin 80
BRISTOL R (0) 1 PORTSMOUTH (1) 2
Stewart 69 — Kristensen 33
5,377 — Whittingham 52
DERBY (1) 3 BRENTFORD (1) 2
Kitson 11 Gabbiadini 71 — Gayle 45 Millen 76
Simpson 72 — 12,386
MILLWALL (0) 0 TRANMERE (0) 0
9,392
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 2 CHARLTON (0) 0
Thomas 54 Draper 61 — 6,206
OXFORD UTD (1) 2 BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Druce 30 Beauchamp 67 — 6,145
PETERBORO (1) 1 CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
Sterling 8 — 10,235
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 BIRMINGHAM (1) 2
Davenport 45 — Moulden 39 Saville 67
16,382
SWINDON (0) 1 LUTON (0) 0
Bodin 83 — 10,934
WATFORD (0) 0 SOUTHEND (0) 0
7,198
WOLVES (0) 1 NEWCASTLE (0) 0
Mutch 55 — 17,244

Yesterday

WEST HAM (2) 3 LEICESTER (0) 0
Speedie 10, 29 — 13,951
Keen 48

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Newcastle	41	13	6	1	46	13	11	3	7	30	22	81
Portsmouth	41	16	2	2	41	8	6	8	7	30	33	76
West Ham	41	13	5	2	42	16	9	5	7	28	21	76
Swindon	41	15	4	2	39	19	5	7	8	26	30	71
Leicester	40	12	4	4	36	23	8	4	8	26	29	68
Millwall	41	13	6	1	44	16	4	10	7	18	26	67
Tranmere	40	12	4	4	42	21	7	4	9	21	31	65
Grimsby	41	11	6	4	32	23	7	1	12	23	27	61
Wolves	41	10	6	5	34	23	5	7	8	20	25	58
Derby	39	8	1	10	33	31	8	6	6	27	19	55
Charlton	41	9	8	4	26	17	5	5	10	20	25	55
Barnsley	41	10	4	6	25	17	5	5	11	25	36	54
Peterborough	40	6	8	5	25	24	8	2	10	23	35	53
Watford	41	6	7	7	25	29	6	5	10	28	38	48
Notts County	40	8	6	5	29	18	2	7	11	19	44	48
Oxford Utd	40	7	6	7	26	18	4	7	9	21	33	46
Bristol City	40	8	5	6	24	24	4	5	12	19	41	46
Sunderland	40	8	5	8	28	25	4	5	10	14	29	46
Birmingham	41	9	3	8	25	26	3	7	11	17	36	46
Brentford	41	6	5	10	23	27	6	4	10	23	32	45
Luton	41	5	12	4	24	26	4	6	10	18	31	45
Southend	40	6	8	6	27	21	4	5	11	18	32	43
Cambridge	41	7	5	9	25	30	3	8	9	18	34	43
Bristol Rovers	41	6	4	11	26	38	3	5	12	21	40	36

(Man) 3, Blackpool Mechanics 0; Nantwich 1, Bacup Borough 1; Newcastle 0, Flixton 3; Penrith 2, Glossop North End 3, Prescot 4, Salford City 1.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans 4, Chester Le Street 2; Brandon 2, South Bank 2; Consett 2, Stockton 1; Easington Colliery 0, Northallerton 1; Newcastle Blue Star 3, Murton 2; Seaham Red Star 3, West Auckland 1; Tow Law 2, Billingham Synthonia 2. Yesterday: Guisborough 1, Whitby 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 3, Chelmsford 1; Cheltenham 2, Halesowen 1; Corby 2, Atherstone 3, Crawley 2, Hastings 1; Moor Green 0, Solihull 1; Trowbridge 1, Gloucester 2, V S Rugby 0, Burton 1; Waterlooville 0, Bashley 2, Weymouth 1, Dorchester 2, Worcester 0, Hednesford 0. Midland division: Bedworth 2, Bilston 1; Dudley 2, Bridgnorth 1; Evesham 1, Forest Green 2, Grantham 1, King's Lynn 2; Gresley 0, Nuneaton Borough 1; Hinckley 2, RC Warwick 0; Newport AFC 0, Barri 0, Redditch 2, Stourbridge 3; Rushden and Diamonds 3, Leicester 0; Sutton Coldfield 0, Tamworth 1, Weston-Super-Mare 2, Yate 1. Southern division: Andover 0, Salisbury 5, Ashford 2, Sittingbourne 2;

Second division

BRADFORD (1) 2 BLACKPOOL (0) 0
Torpey 1 Jewell 58 — 6,191
BURNLEY (1) 1 BRIGHTON (2) 3
Conroy 28 — Nogan 8, 31
9,424 — Farrington 81
CHESTER (0) 1 WEST BROM (1) 3
Morton 62 — Hunt 9 Raven 46
4,812 — Donovan 71
FULHAM (0) 1 LEYTON ORIENT (0) 0
Onwere 70 — 5,976
HULL (1) 3 HARTLPOOL (2) 2
Windass 18 Jones 51 — Ellison 17 Southall 20
Norton 84 — 3,562
MANSFIELD (0) 0 PORT VALE (0) 1
5,078 — Kerr 58
PLYMOUTH (0) 0 EXETER (1) 3
9,391 — Storer 37 Hodge 58, 86
PRESTON (1) 2 HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1
Watson 4 Ellis 47 — Robinson 84
7,847
STOKE (1) 2 READING (0) 0
Shaw 35 Gleghorn 70 — 16,919
SWANSEA (1) 2 BOURNEMTH (0) 1
Legg 23 Bowen 64 — Mean 86
5,101
WIGAN (0) 0 BOLTON (0) 2
5,408 — Kelly 53 Walker 79

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Stoke	40	15	3	1	38	11	9	8	4	30	20	83
Port Vale	40	13	7	1	40	15	9	3	7	25	24	76
West Brom	40	15	3	2	46	15	6	6	8	26	31	72
Bolton	39	14	2	3	38	13	7	7	6	27	23	72
Stockport	40	11	9	1	45	16	7	4	8	31	32	67
Brighton	41	11	4	5	30	20	7	5	9	25	30	63
Leyton Orient	41	14	4	3	42	18	3	5	12	15	29	60
Reading	40	12	3	5	38	18	4	9	7	18	24	60
Bradford	41	10	5	5	31	21	5	9	7	29	38	59
Rotherham	41	9	7	5	30	23	6	7	7	25	29	59
Swansea	38	7	7	3	26	15	8	6	7	26	25	58
Burnley	41	10	7	4	33	18	4	6	10	17	32	55
Fulham	41	7	8	5	22	21	5	8	8	23	31	52
Plymouth	40	10	5	5	33	23	3	6	11	14	33	50
Exeter	40	5	7	8	24	26	6	7	7	25	35	47
Hull	40	8	5	7	24	22	4	6	10	17	35	47
Bournemouth	40	6	8	6	23	21	5	6	10	17	25	47
Huddersfield	40	7	6	7	23	20	5	3	12	20	35	45
Hartlepool	41	7	6	8	17	20	4	6	10	20	34	45
Preston	40	8	5	8	39	38	4	3	12	23	43	44
Blackpool	41	7	9	4	34	26	3	5	13	21	42	44
Mansfield	40	7	7	6	33	28	3	3	14	12	39	40
Wigan	40	6	6	9	26	28	4	4	11	14	29	40
Chester	41	6	2	13	26	42	2	3	15	17	45	29

Baldock 1, Braintree 1; Dunstable 2 Wealdstone 1; Gravesend and Northfleet 4, Burnham 1; Margate 1, Canterbury City 0; Poole 2, Fareham 0; Sudbury 4, Bury 1. Postponed: Buckingham v Witney; Erith and Belvedere v Fisher.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham 0, Newmarket 3; Chatteris 1, Gorleston 2; Cornard 1, Diss 2; Felixstowe 2, Haverhill 2; Halstead 0, Great Yarmouth 0; Histon 2, Brightlingsea 0; Lowestoft 2, Fakenham 1; Walton 1, Norwich 1; Wisbech 1, Wroxham 3.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard 2, Chippenham 2; Dawlish 1, Paulton Rovers 3; Torquay 1, Mangotsfield 0; Westbury 0, Elmore 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena

Third division

BARNET (2) 3 SCARBORO (0) 1
Showler 5 Sorrell 27 — Foreman 89
B Stein 61 — 3,118
CARLISLE (2) 2 DARLINGTN (1) 2
Davey 6 Gallimore 24 — Dobie 42 Juryeff 71
3,297
DONCASTER (0) 0 HALIFAX (1) 1
2,160 — Barr 3
LINCOLN (1) 1 CHESTRFLD (0) 1
Lee 36 — Rogers 69
4,271
SCUNTHRPE (3) 5 ROCHDALE (0) 1
Helliwell 24 — Reid 72
Goodacre 34, 73 — 2,926
Platnauer 43 Martin 83
SHRWSBURY (1) 1 HEREFORD (1) 1
Griffiths 2 — Pickard 5
3,604
WALSALL (0) 2 TORQUAY (1) 2
R McDonald 47 — Barrow 6 Moore 57
Clarke 55 — 3,541
WREXHAM (2) 2 CREWE (0) 0
Taylor 33 Watkin 41 — 8,164
YORK (2) 3 CARDIFF (0) 1
McCarthy 24 — Griffith 86
Blackstone 30 — 6,568
Pepper 61

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Barnet	37	15	3	1	43	18	6	6	5	19	23	72
Cardiff	38	11	7	1	37	18	10	1	8	30	27	71
York	39	12	6	2	40	15	7	6	6	30	29	69
Wrexham	37	12	3	3	41	20	7	8	4	22	24	68
Walsall	36	9	5	4	38	30	8	0	9	26	30	57
Crewe	35	10	2	4	33	18	7	4	8	26	31	57
Bury	37	10	7	2	34	15	6	2	10	23	33	57
Shrewsbury	36	11	2	5	32	24	5	7	6	15	17	57
Lincoln	36	9	5	3	27	16	7	2	9	22	29	56
Chesterfield	37	11	3	5	30	22	4	7	7	23	29	55
Scarborough	35	7	6	4	29	22	7	2	10	31	40	50
Scunthorpe	36	7	7	4	35	19	6	4	8	18	26	50
Rochdale	37	8	3	7	34	26	5	7	7	29	37	49
Colchester	35	10	3	5	32	26	4	2	11	24	38	47
Carlisle	37	7	4	8	29	26	4	5	9	19	32	42
Darlington	37	4	6	9	21	29	5	8	5	19	19	41
Hereford	37	6	9	4	30	25	2	4	12	15	33	37
Doncaster	37	5	4	9	18	22	3	9	7	16	28	37
Gillingham	38	8	3	8	29	27	0	9	10	15	31	36
Northampton	37	6	4	9	19	26	4	2	12	24	40	36
Halifax	37	3	5	10	20	23	5	4	10	23	30	33
Torquay	36	5	3	9	15	22	4	3	12	25	41	33

2, Glentoran 8; Bangor 2, Portadown 2; Carrick 0, Crusaders 3; Cliftonville 4, Coleraine 0, Distillery 4, Ballyclare 0; Glenavon 0, Ards 0; Linfield 1, Omagh 0; Newry 0, Larne 1.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 3, Holywell 1; Afan Lido 3, Llanidloes 1; Bangor 3, Haverfordwest 0; Briton Ferry 0, Mold 4; Caersws 1, Inter Cardiff 2; Conwy 1, Llanelli 0; Flint 2, Abergavenny 0, Maesteg Park 4, Connah's Quay 0; Porthmadog 3, Ebbw Vale 0.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge 6, Leyton Orient 1; Fulham 1, Portsmouth 0; Tottenham 3, Gillingham 0.

Second division: Bristol City 6, Brighton 2. Postponed: Colchester v Luton.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION

GM Vauxhall Conference

BOSTON (1) 1 BROMSGROVE (1) 2
Hardy 41 — Whitehouse 28 Stott 90
1,037
GATESHEAD (0) 0 NORTHWICH (2) 2
349 — Boyd 3 Dawes 12
KETTERING (1) 1 ALTRINCHM (0) 1
Brown 1 — Tunnicliffe 82
1,299
KIDDRMINSTER (1) 1 BATH (0) 0
Forsyth 39 (pen) — 1,134
MACCLSFLD (1) 1 STALYBRIDGE (0) 0
Blain 33 (pen) — 844
MERTHYR (0) 1 SLOUGH (0) 1
Rogers 84 — Friel 60
589
STAFFORD (1) 2 TELFORD (0) 1
Mettioui 37 Boughey 63 — Mulligan 87
1,007
YEOVIL (0) 0 DAGENHAM R (2) 3
2,847 — Richardson 1 Blackford
27 De Souza 68

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Wycombe	35	12	5	1	41	12	8	5	4	32	18	70
Slough	38	12	2	5	36	24	6	8	5	20	21	64
*Dagenham R	38	8	5	5	44	25	9	5	6	26	17	60
Yeovil	37	11	5	3	35	19	5	5	8	15	23	58
Bromsgrove	37	8	6	5	32	20	7	6	5	24	22	57
Northwich	38	5	5	9	22	25	11	2	6	41	20	55
Stafford	36	5	8	6	17	19	10	4	5	30	21	55
Woking	39	7	2	10	24	31	8	6	6	28	26	53
Stalybridge	37	6	8	3	22	23	6	7	7	22	27	51
Bath	35	6	5	4	26	21	5	5	8	20	20	49
Telford	37	8	5	6	24	21	5	5	8	22	28	49
Kidderminster	38	7	5	7	19	26	4	10	5	30	27	48
Merthyr	35	3	8	6	20	30	10	1	7	25	31	48
Kettering	37	10	5	5	35	26	2	6	9	22	34	47
Gateshead	36	7	8	5	19	17	5	3	10	23	32	45
Altrincham	36	5	6	7	16	22	5	6	7	19	24	42
Farnborough	36	8	4	7	32	31	3	5	9	26	42	42
Macclesfield	36	6	8	4	21	17	4	3	11	16	29	41
Runcorn	35	8	2	8	27	27	3	6	8	18	34	41
Welling	38	6	6	7	29	35	4	5	10	23	34	41
Boston	38	4	6	8	20	28	4	7	9	28	35	37
Witton	32	4	7	6	27	29	3	7	5	19	20	35

*1 point deducted

Vauxhall FA Trophy

Semi-final

Second Leg

SUTTON UTD (0) 0 WYCOMBE (1) 4
5,002 (Agg 3-6) — Crossley 34, 51
Scott 48 Carroll 77
WITTON (1) 1 RUNCORN (0) 0
Burke 32 — 2,033 (Agg 1-2)

LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 0, Bristol City 0.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning 0 Glyn 4; Meadonians 1 Tenisonians 1.

OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mill Hill Village 0 Old Owens 2. Second division: Duncombe Sports 5 Old Monovians 0. Third division: Corinthian Casuals 1 Hale End Ath 1.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Group A: Cork City 3, Limerick 0; Dundalk 1, Bohemians 0; Shelbourne 1, Derry City 0. Group B: St Patrick's Ath 0, Drogheda United 1; Sligo

Scottish League

Premier division

AIRDRIE (0) 1 ABERDEEN (1) 1
Fashanu 48 — Shearer 19
3,000
HEARTS (0) 0 DUNDEE (0) 0
6,033
PARTICK (0) 0 FALKIRK (1) 1
4,000 — May 33
RANGERS (0) 1 MOTHERWLL (0) 0
Brown 86 — 41,353
ST JOHNSTN (1) 1 CELTIC (1) 1
Moore 45 — McAvennie 29
8,600

POSTPONED: Dundee United v Hibernian.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Rangers	37	18	2	0	48	10	10	5	2	39	17	63
Aberdeen	37	11	6	2	36	10	11	3	4	37	19	53
Celtic	39	10	5	4	33	18	10	7	3	29	20	52
Hearts	37	12	5	2	22	9	3	8	7	16	22	43
Dundee Utd	39	6	7	5	18	19	10	2	8	27	21	41
St Johnstone	39	7	8	4	25	25	2	8	10	20	36	34
Partick	38	4	6	9	22	37	6	6	7	21	24	32
Hibernian	39	6	8	5	28	25	3	5	11	17	30	31
Dundee	39	6	4	10	22	29	3	7	9	20	30	29
Motherwell	39	5	4	10	22	33	3	6	8	17	23	28
Falkirk	39	6	4	9	31	35	4	2	14	19	44	26
Airdrie	39	3	9	7	18	23	2	7	11	12	39	26

Rovers 0, Shamrock Rovers 0; Waterford 1, Bray Wanderers 0.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Porto 0, Sporting 0; Belenenses 3, Tirsense 0; G Vicente 0, P Ferreira 1; Chaves 2, Farense 2; B Mar 0, Braga 0; Estoril 1, Salgueiros 0, Maritimo 4, Famalicao 2.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Eintracht Frankfurt 3, Werder Bremen 0; Hamburg 1, Wattenscheid 1; Cologne 1, Borussia Moenchengladbach 2, Dynamo Dresden 0, Saarbruecken 0, Bayern Munich 2, Borussia Dortmund 0; Bochum 2, Karlsruhe 2. Leading standings: 1, Bayern Munich, played 25, 36 points; 2, Werder Bremen, 25, 34; 3, Eintracht Frankfurt, 25, 33. Leading goalscorers: 14: Kirsten (Bayer Leverkusen). 12: Rufer (Werder Bremen); Walter (VfB Stuttgart).

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ancona 1, Roma 1; Atalanta 2, Pescara 1; Fiorentina 2, Brescia 2; Genoa 1, Udinese 0; Inter Milan 1, AC Milan 1; Juventus 2, Torino 1; Lazio 1, Foggia 1; Napoli 1, Sampdoria 1; Parma 3, Cagliari 1. Leading standings: 1, AC Milan, 27, 43; 2 Inter Milan, 27, 36; 3 Parma, 27, 32. Leading scorers: 22: Signori (Lazio). 19: Balbo (Udinese). 15: Fonseca (Napoli). 13: Baggio (Juventus). 12: Van Basten and Papin (both AC Milan).

SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilbao 1, Barcelona 0; Atletico de Madrid 1, Celta 1; Rayo Vallecano 0, Sevilla 1; Oviedo 1, Osasuna 2; Cadiz 2, Real Sociedad 1; Espanol 1, Real Madrid 3; Logrones 0, Burgos 1; Valencia 2, Sporting de Gijon 0; Deportivo La Coruña 3, Albacete 2. Leading standings: 1, Barcelona 29, 44; 2, Real Madrid, 29, 44; 3, Deportivo La Coruña, 29, 43.

First division

AYR (0) 1 HAMILTON (0) 0
Kennedy 50 — 1,836
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 DUNFRLNE (1) 1
Flannigan 89 — French 22
1,153
COWDNBTH (0) 0 MORTON (0) 1
244 — Rafferty 88
RAITH (1) 2 DUMBARTON (0) 0
Brewster 27, 48 — 4,893
STIRLING (0) 2 ST MIRREN (1) 1
Moore 79, 86 — Gallagher 33 (pen)
1,029

POSTPONED: Meadowbank v Kilmarnock.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Raith	39	15	5	0	47	11	8	9	2	28	20	60
Dunfermline	39	10	5	4	31	21	11	2	7	30	20	49
Kilmarnock	38	11	5	3	39	14	7	5	7	19	23	46
Hamilton	39	9	7	4	32	21	8	4	7	28	18	45
Morton	39	11	2	7	34	23	7	6	6	24	24	44
St Mirren	39	9	5	5	28	16	9	3	8	24	28	44
Ayr	39	8	7	4	24	16	3	8	8	18	23	39
Clydebank	38	8	7	4	33	18	5	5	10	25	40	38
Dumbarton	39	9	2	9	28	30	5	3	11	25	38	33
Stirling	39	6	4	9	18	26	3	8	9	18	26	30
Meadowbank	38	5	5	8	19	27	5	4	11	25	42	29
Cowdnbth	39	0	5	15	18	51	1	2	16	10	49	9

Second division

ARBROATH (2) 6 BERWICK (0) 0
Buckley 11 (pen) 76, 89 — Gallagher 33 (pen)
MacDonald 21 — 855
Sorbie 58 Tosh 71
BRECHIN (2) 5 E STIRLING (0) 0
Ross 37 — 520
Millar 43, 56 (pen)
McNeill 71, 84
CLYDE (2) 2 MONTROSE (1) 1
Clarke 31 39 — Maver 33
596
EAST FIFE (0) 2 STENHSEMUIR (0) 1
Skelligan 73 Beaton 77 — Mathieson 87
569
FORFAR (3) 5 ALBION (1) 2
Smith 2, 17 — McCaffrey 29
Petrie 35, 61, 79 — Kerrigan 85
557
QN OF STH (1) 3 STRANRAER (2) 3
Rowe 40 Henderson 60 — Sloan 15, 61 McLean 22
Thomson 70 — 1,095
QUEEN'S PARK (2) 2 ALLOA (1) 2
O'Neill 8 Black 43 — Hendry 21 Wilcox 81
525

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Clyde	34	9	5	3	29	14	10	4	3	36	21	47
Brechin	34	12	3	2	35	12	8	4	5	21	16	47
Stranraer	34	7	8	2	27	17	8	6	3	25	20	44
Forfar	34	10	4	3	46	27	7	4	6	24	21	42
Arbroath	34	7	5	5	30	22	9	2	6	23	21	39
Alloa	34	8	3	6	24	25	7	6	4	27	22	39
East Fife	34	5	5	6	30	29	8	4	5	38	28	37
Stenhsemuir	34	8	2	7	28	20	4	7	6	25	23	33
Berwick	34	8	3	6	29	24	6	2	9	21	35	33
Qn Of Sth	34	4	4	9	23	27	6	4	7	27	33	28
Queen's Park	34	5	5	7	27	31	2	4	11	20	37	23
East Stirling	34	4	3	10	23	36	4	4	9	26	44	23
Montrose	34	3	3	11	19	32	5	2	10	22	35	21
Albion	34	4	5	8	21	32	1	5	11	13	34	20

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Lokeren 1, Molenbeek 0; Cercle Brugge 3, Boom 1; Beveren 0, Club Brugge 0; FC Liege 1, Charleroi 3; Mechelen 2, Lommel 0; Anderlecht 3, Lierse 0, Genk 3, Ekeren 1. Anderlecht win title for 22nd time.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Marseilles 2, Sochaux 0; Monaco 4, Caen 2; Bordeaux 2, Montpellier 1; Nimes 0, Paris St Germain 1; Nantes 0, St Etienne 0; Lens 2, Strasbourg 0; Auxerre 3, Valenciennes 2; Lyon 1, Lille 3; Toulon 1, Metz 0. Le Havre 3, Toulouse 2. Leading standings: 1, Marseille, 31, 44; 2, Monaco, 31, 42; 3, Bordeaux, 31, 41. Leading scorers: 18: Gravelaine (Caen). 16: Kinsmann (Monaco). 15: Voeller (Marseille). 14: Boksic (Marseille); Weah (Paris St Germain).

Statistics

KEVIN Francis, of Stockport, kept Guy Whittingham's mark of 44 goals firmly in his sights as he moved to 36 for the season and looks like the only realistic challenger to the Portsmouth forward. Norwich surrendered top slot in the Fair Play chart to Aston Villa after picking up three cautions in two games.

GOALSCORERS

Premier League	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Wright (Arsenal)	13	8	5	0	26
Sheringham (Tottnhm)	18	4	3	0	25
Shearer (Blackburn)	16	0	6	0	22
Quinn (Coventry)	17	0	0	3	20
Deane (Shefl Utd)	14	3	2	0	19
Cantona (Man Utd)	14	0	0	5	19
Hignett (Middlesbro)	12	4	3	0	19
Ferdinand (QPR)	14	2	2	0	18
Chapman (Leeds)	13	1	2	2	18
Bright (Shefl Wed)	9	3	6	0	18
First division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Whittingham (Portmth)	39	0	2	3	44
Saville (Hartlepool)	18	5	1	1	25
Blissett (Brentford)	17	0	4	4	25
Kelly (Newcastle)	20	1	2	1	24
Aldridge (Tranmere)	19	1	2	2	24
Cole (Newcastle)	18	0	4	1	23
Kitson (Derby)	16	1	2	4	23
Furlong (Watford)	19	0	3	0	22
Morley (West Ham)	18	1	0	1	20
Second division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Francis (Stockport)	28	2	2	4	36
Walker (Bolton)	26	4	1	2	33
Taylor (West Brom)	23	3	1	3	30
Stein (Stoke)	22	0	4	3	29
Ellis (Preston)	21	1	1	1	24
McCarthy (Bradford)	15	2	1	5	23
Quinn (Reading)	15	3	1	2	21
Heath (Burnley)	19	0	0	0	19
Jewell (Bradford)	16	2	1	0	19
Third division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Foreman (Scarboro)	26	0	2	2	30
Griffiths (Shrewsbury)	22	2	1	1	26
Clarke (Walsall)	20	0	1	1	22
Barnes (York)	20	0	0	0	20
Bull (Barnet)	17	0	2	0	19
Bennett (Wrexham)	14	1	2	2	19

Other goals include Autoglass Trophy, Anglo-Italian Cup, European cups and Charity Shield.

OFFENCES

FAIR PLAY	Sent off	Booked
Aston Villa	—	20
Norwich	—	22
Coventry	—	23
Newcastle	1	27
Scarborough	2	28
FOUL PLAY	**Sent off**	**Booked**
Torquay	3	73
Chester	4	69
Cambridge Utd	6	64
Wimbledon	4	68
Reading	4	66
Shefl Utd	3	64
Hartlepool	4	62
Hereford	7	58
Colchester	3	62

Offences do not include Anglo-Italian Cup matches.

ATTENDANCES

Division	Weekly total	Wkly avge	Wkly chng	91-2 chng
Prem (17)	380,524	22,384	+39.5	+3.5
Div 1 (24)	272,618	11,359	+21.1	+7.9
Div 2 (23)	157,631	6,854	-2.9	+28.4
Div 3 (19)	70,563	3,714	+14.3	+7.9

Highest/lowest of weekend. Premier League: 40,102 (Manchester Utd v Sheffield Wed), 12,275 (Wimbledon v Crystal Palace). First division: 17,244 (Wolves v Newcastle), 4,958 (Barnsley v Grimsby). Second division: 16,919 (Stoke v Reading); 4,812 (Chester v West Brom). Third division: 8,164 (Wrexham v Crewe), 2,160 (Doncaster v Halifax).

☐ Compiled by Julian Desborough

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
3●	1½	3●	1½	1½	1½	3●	1½	1½	1½	3●	2	2	1½	1½	3●	1½	1½	3●	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	2½

FORECAST: Dividend forecast is very good, with six jackpot draws, four high-score draws, and four no-score draws. Telephone claims required for 22½ and 23pts.

Harlequins find resolution to answer their captain's call


Winterbottom: bowing out

Wasps 13
Harlequins 14

BY BRYAN STILES

TWICKENHAM will provide an appropriate stage for Peter Winterbottom to bring down the curtain on a distinguished club career. This rather breathless victory on Saturday carried Harlequins to a Pilkington Cup final meeting there with Leicester on May 1 and there should be a full house for his farewell before he sets off with the British Isles team to New Zealand.

As usual, the Harlequins captain played a full part as what had appeared to be victory for Wasps was turned into a triumph for his team. With Harlequins trailing 13-6 going into the last quarter, Winterbottom asked his players to put more bite into their play and move the ball more. It turned the tide, but only just.

Winterbottom thought he had scuppered his team's chances in the dying seconds. He had been urging his team not to give away penalties, but the referee spotted him infringing on the halfway line. But instead of taking a tapped penalty and running the ball, Wasps decided to gamble on the kicking ability of Rob Andrew, their England stand-off, who had landed a goal from six yards further away a fortnight earlier. Many averted their gaze as Andrew strode up and then they heard the groans as the ball fell short.

It left Harlequins winners by a try, two dropped goals and a penalty goal to a goal and two penalty goals. Their try, seven minutes from the end by Gavin Thompson, had provided the match-winning score. Thompson decided to gamble after receiving the ball wide out on the right.

"I had seen Alan Buzza [the Wasps full back] coming up like a train all afternoon and tackling our guys into the ground," he said. "I just put the brakes on and I think I saw him go flying past. Then all I had to do was drop over the line."

The try secured victory, but it does not guarantee Thompson a place in the team that will be playing in a third final in successive seasons. He had to sit on the replacements' bench for the last two finals and he knows Will Carling, the England captain, will have returned to fitness by then. Thompson takes hope from the fact that he was the original choice to face Wasps and that it was Mark Evans who was brought in for Carling.

Paul Challinor, their kicker, will hope to be in better form for the final, for he missed with six attempts at goal. He did, however, pick up a dropped goal that gave the Quins a 3-0 lead at half-time. Immediately after the interval Chris Oti collected a fine try after a neat sidestep and some determined running. Andrew converted and added a penalty before Rob Glenister scored Harlequins' second dropped goal.

When Andrew found the target again to make the score 13-6 it looked as if Wasps were on their way to Twickenham, but in an exhilarating climax Challinor kicked a penalty and Thompson did the rest.

SCORERS: Wasps: Try: Oti. Conversion: Andrew. Penalty goals: Andrew (2). Harlequins: Try: Thompson. Dropped goals: Challinor, Glenister. Penalty goal: Challinor.
WASPS: A Buzza; P Hopley, F Clough, G Childs, C Oti; R Andrew, S Bates; G Holmes, K Dunn, J Probyn, P Emerson, R Kinsey, M Greenwood, M White, C Wilkins.
HARLEQUINS: K Bray; C Madderson, M Evans, G Thompson, J Alexander; P Challinor, R Glenister; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, S Dear, P Winterbottom, C Sheasby.
Referee: E F Morrison (Bristol).

MARC ASPLAND


Twickenham-bound: as referee Matthews blows the final whistle Kardooni, centre, and the Leicester forwards savour the elation of victory

Great years ahead for resourceful Leicester

Leicester 28
Northampton 6

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A FRESH vibrant young power is emerging from the Midlands. The maturing of this Leicester team is not yet complete but in the next five years they must surely become, alongside Bath, one of the dominating influences in domestic rugby.

That Leicester will play in their seventh Cup final at Twickenham on May 1 is a commentary on a glorious past; but this team is one for the future, lacking only the consistency and the iron self-discipline which comes with experience in a hard school and creates a genuine 80-minute team rather than one which, at an emotional Welford Road on Saturday, lost its way in the third quarter.

By that time, though, Northampton — themselves a model recast in the last three seasons — had been erased. Who would have forecast a Pilkington Cup semi-final won by two goals, a try, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to two penalties between such close, in every sense, rivals?

A final between Leicester and Harlequins is a new pairing for this competition and an exuberant Tony Russ, Leicester's director of coaching, said happily: "I think we will sell 50,000 tickets easily."

It is a new experience for Russ, if not for some of Leicester's older administrators — or, indeed, players — for Dean Richards appeared in both his club's last and losing finals, in 1983 and 1989. "This was one of the best halves I have ever played with Leicester," Richards said and even the dejected 5,000 Northampton supporters would agree.

During the first 40 minutes Leicester imposed themselves utterly to lead 23-3. That they were losing the lineouts did not matter because in the loose Northampton were skinned alive.

Committed as they were to a game played close to the set-pieces through their big back row, on a pitch in remarkable condition after so much rain 24 hours earlier, they were outmauled by Richards, outrun by Back and out thought at half back.

Richards was voracious and Back the consummate footballer which the game's laws now demand. "That he is 5ft 10in and not 6ft is probably the biggest irrelevance in the game," Russ said of his blond flanker, whose height has been such a bone of contention in international circles this season.

In one glorious sequence of a game played in front of a crowd of over 16,000 (including the England and British Isles team manager, Geoff Cooke) and a far wider television audience, Back demonstrated his all-round skills: he tackled Rodber but was on his feet quickly enough to take Kardooni's pass from the subsequent ruck, make ground and grub-kick perfectly into Northampton's 22. He, literally, never stops playing.

Northampton had their individuals, of whom Rodber earned generous praise from Russ, but they were not the team which Leicester have become and which the departing Shelford still hopes Northampton will become.

Leicester's faults are those of inexperience, which showed after half-time when they conceded a string of nine penalties or free kicks as the game's pattern broke up in a plethora of "professional" fouls which deserved intervention by the touch judges.

Russ, though, shrugs it off. "Give me youth, it's worth its weight in gold, it can only get better," he said. Perhaps he should have a talk with the Lions' selectors. His Tigers roared into action after a tentative start once Liley — later to leave the field with a "dead" leg — kicked his first penalty.

The full back prodded a kick into the Aylestone Road corner and Richards smashed through the centre of a close range lineout conceded by Beal. The difference in composure showed immediately afterwards.

Tubb's restart went out of play whereas Harris used the diagonal wind beautifully, sending his side back into the killing ground and then dropping a pearler of a goal across the breeze.

Dawson, a talented footballer whose time will surely come, was wrapped up by the Leicester forwards and Poole combined with Rory Underwood to send Kardooni slicing towards the corner where the inevitable Back arrived in support. That, too, was an essential difference, support for the ball carrier in which respect time and again Northampton, under intense pressure, were left bereft.

Their defence was adrift when Rory Underwood made an all-consuming tackle on Beal and Harris chipped through for Leicester to win an easy penalty. Underwood senior moved to full back in the second half after Liley's departure and demonstrated once again his zest in the tackle when MacNaughton was crunched into the corner flag.

All Northampton had to show for their labours was Beal's second penalty (between them Beal and Tubb missed six kicks at goal). Leicester, the chants of their adherents louder in their ears than ever before, showed them the way when Bates shuffled out a bouncing pass which Rory Underwood scooped up before despatching Boyle to the corner.

"It was a categoric performance by them," Olver, Northampton's disappointed captain, said. Indeed it was.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Richards, Back, Boyle. Conversions: Liley (2). Penalty goals: Liley (2). Dropped goal: Harris. Northampton: Penalty goals: Beal (2).
LEICESTER: J Liley (rep: L Boyle); T Underwood, S Potter, I Bates, R Underwood, J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells; M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.
NORTHAMPTON: J Steele (rep: J Ward); N Beal, F Packman, R MacNaughton, H Thomas-croft; S Tubb, M Dawson; G Baldwin, J Olver, G Pearce, P Walton, J Etheridge, M Bayfield, T Rodber, W Shelford.
Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

Saints alive to the job in hand

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IN THE 18 years since St Helens last won rugby league's first division title, they have never finished outside the top eight and have been runners-up five times.

No side has a finer record of consistency, nor a more outraged sense of frustration. St Helens have been overhauled on the final bend too many times to be complacent. When they drew 8-8 at Wigan last Friday their destiny once again dropped into the hands of their arch-rivals.

Weary Wigan must win at Warrington this morning in a game kicking off at 11.30am. Should they lose, St Helens, two points in the lead, would meet Widnes at home at 3.00 pm, knowing the title is theirs for the taking: fail, and Wigan win, then a record fourth consecutive championship would go to Central Park.

Then again, if both succeed in difficult tasks today, Wigan would have to beat Castleford at home on Friday to become the first side in the modern era to collect the title on points difference — Wigan have the significant advantage of an extra 121 points.

That Wigan have navigated this tricky road before is strongly in their favour, but Warrington and Castleford are probably the last opponents they would have chosen. Both have beaten them in the league this season.

Tea Ropati has been the inspirational source for St Helens at halfback, and a backline including Lyon, Hunte, Connolly and Loughlin, is the most devastating in broken play.

The Challenge Cup defeat by Wigan in February badly holed the St Helens craft while in full sail. While they have not fully recovered their attacking poise, St Helens have dug in for five wins as well as Friday's draw, while Wigan, uncharacteristically, have stumbled at Bradford and Castleford in three weeks that have turned the championship race on its head.

Wigan have Dean Bell, their captain, and Andy Platt, the Great Britain captain, back at Warrington. St Helens will badly miss the massive presence of Kevin Ward, who broke his left leg in the draw at Central Park.

Morrison out of Scotland squad

BY ALAN LORIMER

IAIN Morrison has withdrawn from the Scotland squad for the inaugural World Cup sevens, which start at Murrayfield on Friday, because of a knee injury.

Morrison, the Scotland flanker, had a minor operation on his left knee after flying home early from the Canberra sevens last month and has failed to regain full fitness. His place goes to Carl Hogg, of Melrose, who was a member of the Scotland tour party to Australia, Fiji and Hong Kong.

On Saturday, the Melrose sevens provided Scotland with a psychological lift before the World Cup. The Scots, playing as the Co-optimists, defeated Bay of Plenty, the defending champions, from New Zealand, 14-12 in the semi-final. Gregor Townsend converted both the Co-optimists tries, which werescored by David Millard and Ian Corcoran.

In the most one-sided final in the history of the event, the Co-optimists beat Jed-Forest 61-0, a result that emphasised the imbalance in the draw. The Co-optimists, Bay of Plenty and Gala, the outstanding teams, were in the top half.

The failure to construct a draw that would ensure a quality final is an issue that must be addressed if the oldest sevens tournament in the world is to retain its status.

Barbarians increase style account

Cardiff 34
Barbarians 36

BY GERALD DAVIES

IN the context of the Heineken League, there were admittedly more important events taking place in Pontypridd. But we can catch up with the repercussions of Swansea's loss between now and the end of the season.

The Barbarians are only here for the moment and, according to some gloomy predictions, they may not tour Wales for much longer. What a sad state of affairs that people should suggest that the only virtue in rugby is the intense competition where league points are all that matter.

There must be occasions for fun, moments for the players to let their hair down. In addition, with the Barbarians, who are sponsored to the tune of £300 a try by Scottish Amicable, winning by three goals and three tries to three goals, two tries and a penalty, Welsh youth rugby received £1,800. Another six tries at Swansea today and the company will have contributed £20,000 since the scheme began. It is no small gesture and all due to the Barbarians' style of playing the game.

This match did not, however, have the usual festive mood, perhaps because Cardiff were below strength. This was not because of the demands of league or cup, but rather because their scrum half, Andy Moore, was tying the matrimonial knot and invitations had been accepted by most of Cardiff's squad.

Apart from Laity, the Cardiff backs were talented youngsters. But they are not yet so good that they can do without a few old heads around them to give a helping hand or word of advice.

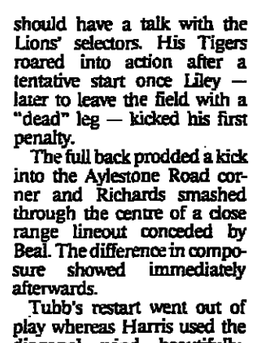
For once, too, the visitors seemed to have settled rather quicker into their stride than is usually the case. Derwyn Jones managed controlled lineout ball for the home team, but the marauding McIvor and Leahy ensured they did not benefit much. The Bridgend pair of half backs, Howley and Evans, helped to settle matters down elsewhere.

There was plenty of movement from both sides, but it was rarely as smooth as in previous seasons and, with the Barbarians holding a substantial lead by half-time, nobody expected Cardiff to do other than put up a good show. Sleightholme, Rees and Evans had scored tries, with Evans converting his, before Cardiff were able to reply with one of their own by Lewis. Hewlett's penalty closed the gap, but John Davies extended the lead by the interval.

Humphreys scored a try three minutes into the second half, but hopes of a strong revival vanished when Rees and Moore got tries which were converted.

That Cardiff were so close at the end, through tries by Palfrey, Budd and Lewis, two of them converted by Hewlett, had more to do with luck and perseverance against a team which, by then, knew it had the beating of its opponents.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Lewis (2), Humphreys, Palfrey, Budd. Conversions: Hewlett (3). Penalty: Hewlett. Barbarians: Tries: Sleightholme, Rees (2), Evans, Davies, Moore. Conversions: Evans (2).
Glasgow.
CARDIFF: P Armstrong; S Hill, A Palfrey, C Laity, G Lewis, J Hewlett, H Hames, M Gribbins (rep: K Matthews); J Humphreys, P Sedgemore, M Budd, T Rees, D Jones, G Roberts (rep: J Allen), H Taylor.
BARBARIANS: G Rees (Oak Bay Castaways); A Moore (Edinburgh Academicals), J Guscott (Bath), C Glasgow (Heriots FP), J Sleightholme (Wakefield), L Evans (Bridgend), R Howley (Bridgend), R Shaw (Bridgend), N Meek (Pontypool), J Davies (Neath), D McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), S Lloyd (Moseley), L Adamson (Saracens), K Leahy (Wanderers), T Coker (Harlequins).
Referee: G Simmonds (WRU).


Rees: try double

☐ Mike Hall, the Cardiff captain, has been told he can resume light training after a groin injury and hopes to be fit to tour Zimbabwe and Namibia with Wales this summer. Specialists have decided there is no need for an operation after diagnosing Hall's problem as inflamed ligaments.

Swansea fade as Llanelli run riot

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SWANSEA'S hopes of retaining the Heineken League title were dealt a crushing blow at Sardis Road on Saturday when Pontypridd handed them their biggest league defeat and thus put Llanelli in pole position.

While Llanelli were running in 15 tries in a record 93-0 demolition of South Wales Police, the champions were being comprehensively outplayed, 35-12.

An influenza epidemic that had forced many of the Swansea players to miss training during the week obviously played a part, but it was Pontypridd's pride and passion which really won the day.

While Swansea, who fielded eight internationals and four B caps, were conceding four tries and failing to register one of their own for only the second time this season, Llanelli were topping their own first division record of 14, set against Maesteg. Had Robert Yeman, the referee, not blown for time three minutes early, Llanelli would surely have registered the first century score in the league.

Three points from their last two games will ensure the title for Llanelli after two years as runners-up.

Pontypridd travel to Stradey Park on Saturday and the Scarlets complete their programme at Neath on May 1. For the first match they will be without four players who are on duty at the World Sevens. But Pontypridd will be missing Neil Jenkins, who was called into the Welsh squad yesterday to replace Scott Gibbs.

Neath notched their biggest league win with a 49-3 success over Maesteg, while Newport ran in eight tries in a 50-0 defeat of Aberavon who had their centre, Neil Davies, sent off.

Dunvant captured the second division title with a 48-3 victory over Blaina, while Treorchy and Mountain Ash secured promotion to the second division.

Colts remain on course

ENGLAND won their third colts international of the season when they beat Scotland 28-3 at Ayr on Saturday (David Hands writes). Having already beaten Italy and Wales, they will go for the junior grand slam against France, in Nice on April 24, with an unchanged team unless Rob Leach, the Harlequins flanker, is fit.

Although Lee opened the scoring for Scotland with a dropped goal, England weathered the early storm to hit back with the first of two tries from Yates, the sprightly Otley flanker.

Even so, the Scots, well led by Flockhart and with Leighton attacking well from full back, threatened until the final quarter when Dontoh, the Richmond wing, and Knowles, the Durham standoff half, crossed for tries. Ufton embellished the scoreline with a conversion, a penalty and a dropped goal from 40 metres.

Ireland will win a junior triple crown if they can beat England 18-Group in Belfast on Wednesday. Ireland beat Scotland 21-9 at Kelvinside on Saturday.

☐ Gloucester beat the visiting Italian team, Treviso, 25-15 at Kingsholm on Saturday, a late rally earning victory against a XV including Michael Lynagh, the Australian standoff half, and John Kirwan, the New Zealand wing. Treviso have invited Gloucester to visit them next season.

Montreal crumble at Denver

BRYN Smith pitched seven scoreless innings and Eric Young led off the bottom of the first inning with a home run as Colorado Rockies, newcomers to baseball's National League, followed two defeats against the New York Mets by crushing the Montreal Expos 11-4.

The crowd of 80,227 at Denver was the biggest for a new team's first home game and the largest to view a regular-season contest in the National League history, beating the attendance record of 78,672 set by the Los Angeles Dodgers on April 18, 1958.

Things are not going so well for the other newcomers, Florida Marlins. Gary Sheffield homered off Bryan Harvey to open the ninth inning and Dan Walters added a sacrifice fly as the San Diego Padres rallied in Miami to win 2-1, handing the Marlins their third straight defeat.

In Atlanta, Pete Smith combined on a three-hitter and Sid Bream homered to lead the Atlanta Braves to a 2-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Gregg Jefferies was responsible for a pair of two-run homers and Rene Arocha pitched eight strong innings in his first major league appearance as the St Louis Cardinals cruised to their third straight win, an 8-2 victory over Cincinnati.

Ken Caminiti's three-run homer in the tenth innings helped Houston Astros to their first win of the season, a 7-3 victory over the previously unbeaten Mets in New York, while Chicago Cubs outslugged Philadelphia Phillies 11-7 at Veterans Stadium in a game of eight home runs. Kevin Young's two-run shot in the bottom of the eighth lifted the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-5 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Pilkington cup

Semi-finals

Leicester 28 Northampton 6
Leicester: Tries: Back, Boyle, Richards. Cons: Liley (2). Pens: Liley (2). Dropped goals: Harris.
Northampton. Pens: Beal (2). Att: 16,400

Wasps 13 Harlequins 14
Wasps: Tries: Oti. Cons: Andrew. Pens: Andrew (2)
Harlequins: Tries: Thompson. Pens: Challinor. Dropped goals: Challinor, Glenister

Heineken League

First division

Llanelli 93 S Wales Police 0
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Neath. Tries: Reynolds (3), Lewis (2), Jones, Morris. Cons: Thorburn (4). Pens: Thorburn (2).
Maesteg: Pens: Edwards.

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Newport: Tries: Lewis (2), Wyatt (2), Llewellyn, McCracken, Waters, Watkins. Cons: Rees (4), Westwood.

Pontypool 36 Newbridge 8
Pontypool. Tries: White (2), Ring, Taylor. Cons: Ring (2). Pens: Ring (4).
Newbridge: Tries: Waters. Pens: Williams.

Pontypridd 35 Swansea 12
Pontypridd: Tries: Earland, Hughes J, Lewis, S Lewis. Cons: Jenkins (3). Pens: Jenkins (2).
Swansea: Pens: Williams (3). Dropped goals: Williams

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Cardiff	20	16	0	4	584	320	32
Neath	19	12	0	7	462	300	24
Pontypool	20	10	2	8	361	256	22
Bridgend	20	10	1	9	348	357	21
Newport	20	10	0	10	435	452	20
Pontypool	19	7	0	12	379	468	14
Aberavon	20	6	0	14	249	459	12
Newbridge	20	5	0	15	321	575	10
S Wales Police	20	3	1	16	216	557	7
Maesteg	20	3	1	16	287	565	7

Second division

Abertillery	27	Narberth	13
Cross Keys	8	Penarth	28
Dunvant	48	Blaina	3
Ebbw Vale	8	Llanharan	32
Glamorgan W	19	Llandovery	16
Tenby United	31	Tredegar	20

THIRD DIVISION: Aberavon Quins 12, Wrexham 5; Blackwood 15, Pontypool United 12; Bonymaen 23, Aberavon 11; Mountain Ash 14, Tumble 12. Fourth division: But in Week 20, Kidwelly 6, Colwyn Bay 6; Carmarthen 29, Tondu 52, Ruthin 7.

Club matches

Askeans	27	Basingstoke	9
Bedford	55	Saracens	23
Blackheath	76	Maidstone	7
Bridgend	6	Bristol	36
Brockhton Park	20	Kendal	23
Cardiff	34	Barbarians	36
Fylde	44	Wharfedale Park	9
Harlequins	50	Southend	15
Leeds	9	West Hartlepool	28
London Welsh	14	Coventry	3
Lydney	23	Hereford	10
Morley	17	Wakefield	34
Moseley	31	Nottingham	21
Orrell	35	Waterloo	9
Plymouth	6	Rugby	12
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Sheffield	20	Harrogate	17

CANCELLED: Bath v Rosslyn Park; Clifton v Thornensians.

UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland 3, England 25. Under-18 international: Scotland 26, Ireland 14. Schools international: Scotland 3, Ireland 21.

MELROSE SEVENS: Preliminary round: Glasgow High/Kelvinside 40, Currie 5, Dundee High School FP 24, Langholm 7, Watsonians 24, Stewart's-Melville FP 12, Selkirk 19, Melrose 14. First round: Edinburgh Academicals 35, Glasgow High/Kelvinside 12; Co-optimists 31, Stirling County 7; Gala 28, Dundee High School FP 26; Bay of Plenty 43, Hawick 0; Watsonians 17, Heriot's FP 12; Kelso 22, Glasgow Academicals 0; Jed-Forest 24, Selkirk 14; Boroughmuir 21, Western Province 10. Quarter-finals: Co-optimists 26, Edinburgh Academicals 5; Bay of Plenty 31, Gala 7; Kelso 33, Watsonians 7; Jed-Forest 21, Boroughmuir 12. Semi-finals: Co-optimists 14, Bay of Plenty 12; Jed-Forest 31, Kelso 21. Final: Co-optimists 61, Jed-Forest 0.

COURAGE LEAGUES: Leading scorers: First division: 122: J Webb (Bath, 3 tries, 19 conversions, 23 penalty goals); 111: M Corcoran (London Irish, 21, 4c, 31pg); 106: J Liley (Leicester, 2t, 15c, 22pg); 70: J Stabler (West Hartlepool, 1t, 4c, 19pg); 62: M Tenison (Bristol, 7c, 16pg); 60: S Barnes (Bath, 7t, 2c, 6pg, 1 dropped goal). G Ainscough (Orrell, 6c, 16pg). 57: S Thrusher (Harlequins, 3t, 9c, 6pg). 56: T Smith (Gloucester, 2t, 2c, 14pg). 53: A Buzza (Wasps, 2t, 5c, 11pg). 52: J Steele (Northampton, 5c, 14pg). Second division: 126: P Grayson (Waterloo, 11, 8c, 29pg, 6 dgl. 125: D Johnson (Newcastle Gosforth, 1t, 15c, 27pg, 3dgl. 106: G Gregory (Nottingham, 1t, 10c, 19pg, 9dg). 66: R Lilley (Wakefield, 1t, 8c, 23pg, 2dg).

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Hippolyta/Titania in a new Dream that is decently acted but fatally uninspired

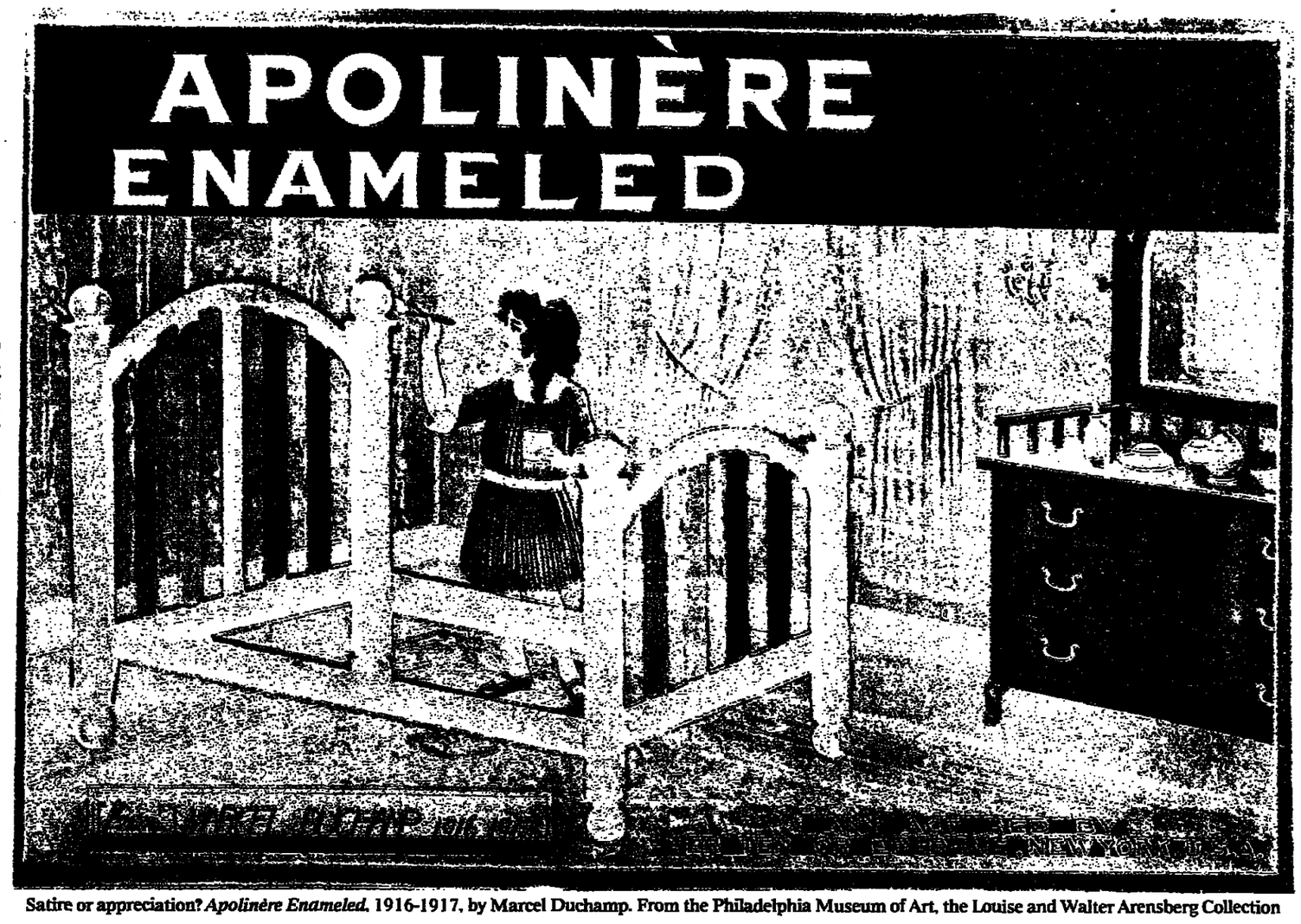
ARTS

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Aryan ideal: the tangled web of myth, science and the occult at the heart of Nazism



GALLERIES: **John Russell Taylor** in Venice on a show that celebrates but also exposes Marcel Duchamp

Homage unmasks the myth



Satire or appreciation? *Apolinère Enameled*, 1916-1917, by Marcel Duchamp. From the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Louise and Walter Arensberg Collection

Like it or not, there is no doubt that with today's conceptual avant-garde the focus has decisively shifted om the artist as maker to the artist s star. If any one person was sponsible for this, it was **Marcel uchamp**, now being anatomised this year's major show at Fiat's enice Arts Centre, the Palazzo rassi. Duchamp was the man ho put a ready-made bottle stand, ready-made urinal, into art khibitions, in 1914 and 1917 spectively, as original sculptures. ossibly, some said, as an attempt open our eyes to the plastic eauty that lies around us in the ast regarded everyday objects; ossibly, others suggested, as a atire on and send-up of the whole oncept of fine art. In any case, it as exactly the period of Dada in witzerland and the beginnings of urrealism in France, so this kind f more or less seri- us prank was very nuch in the spirit f the times.

Duchamp's great trength was that e never really elu- idated his inten- ions, but left that or others to do. He as the 20th centu- y's first artistic uru. His own pro- ouncements were ither gnomically bscure or childishly simple, so here were ample opportunities for isciples to gather up and explicate very last fragment from the work- ench. In other words, he had all he makings of a myth.

He clearly wished to be a myth, nd duly became one — to such an xtent that 405 unnumbered pages f the telephone directory-sized atalogue are taken up with *Ephemerides*", telling what he as doing (missing a train, having telephone conversation) on each ay of the year in arbitrarily lected years between 1900 and *is death* in 1967. Hagiolatry ould hardly go further.

Compared with all this battery of cidental information, one might xpect the work itself to look rather iny. And sure enough it does. It *seems sad that all that remain to* bear witness to 81 years of a life in art are 20-odd paintings, a number of objects like spades and bicycle wheels, not to mention urinals and bottle racks, and thousands of little pieces of paper bearing faint scribbles or sometimes not even that.

All of this is reverently displayed, though the objects are seldom even the originals, touched at least by the hand of the master, but replicas and reconstructions made after his death, while much of the material seemingly rescued from Duchamp's wastepaper basket is shown as reproduced in facsimile in some of the signed limited editions of his later years. Of course one can say that that is the whole point, that ideas of original material, the hand of the artist and so on, are shown to be deeply irrelevant to Duchamp in particular and 20th century art in general. One can, but perhaps not everybody will.

> 'Duchamp was the 20th century's first artistic guru'

The show itself is exemplary in layout and execution. Fears of cuteness set off by the bicycle wheel near the beginning being provided with a window-dresser's painted shadow are not subsequently realised. And while the systematically-minded may be disturbed by the deliberate rejection of chronological order, this programmed arbitrariness is very much in the spirit of Duchamp himself. At any rate, it introduces a teasing element which *seems to have played an important* part in Duchamp's psychological make-up.

The paintings begin with some charming but conventional landscapes from around 1902 and end, in effect, with his famous *Nu descendant un escalier*, a somewhat Futurist-looking attempt to recreate the movement as in stop-motion photography, which caused a sensation at the epoch-making New York Armory Show in 1912. Remembering that Duchamp had two talented older artist-brothers with whom he must have compared himself, one has to wonder if he was not like the would-be concert pianist who realises he is just not good enough to reach first rank and decides to settle instead for being Liberace.

Whether or not such a feeling was responsible for his change of direction, and especially his forsaking of painting, he was clearly not *lacking in application of a sort. He* was constantly on the move, constantly attracting publicity to himself, constantly doing *something*, usually within a self-destroying Dada convention.

His life, as has been said of so many who followed in his tracks, became his art, and the trickle of tangible work in the show is mainly the incidental record of that one all-consuming artwork. It is significant that his most public years and his major publicity stunts were all in New York, then as now the place where charisma, whether or not backed up with talent, will get you furthest. He was in New York primarily from 1915 to 1923, and again from 1942 until his death, spending most of the intervening period in Paris, where he tended to be seen as just one of many jokey characters of the avant-garde.

In a sense he was certainly the great precursor of much that is *highly fashionable in art today. If* there were any doubt of that, this exhibition would dispel it. What is still far from clear, however, is the value of any specific thing he did. It *is tempting to say that seeing so* much of it so scrupulously, respectfully displayed explodes the reputation, which has always thrived on mystery and myth. On the other hand, Duchamp himself would probably have loved it, as the biggest Duchampian joke of all.

● *Marcel Duchamp, Palazzo Grassi, San Samuele, Venice (41-5231680) until July 18*

CRITIC'S CHOICE: OTHER SHOWS IN VENICE

● **VICTOR HUGO PITTORE:** *This show of Victor Hugo's* paintings and drawings, mainly from the Bibliothèque Nationale and the Victor Hugo Museum, creates a slightly nightmarish *atmosphere from his landscape* scribbles and ink-blot games.
Museo d'Arte Moderna di Ca'Pesaro, San Stae. Tues-Sun 10am-6pm, until May 23.

● ***SILICE E FUOCO:*** *Covering* the art of glass from the early 19th century to the mid-20th, this show is a dazzling display of colour. Though it includes also *uncoloured glass which makes its* effect by subtle massing or delicate etching, as well as a few examples of strictly functional glass from Weimar Germany, essentially it is coloured glass which dominates. Most of the *major European glass-making* countries are covered — Britain with one solitary piece of Monart and another tentatively attributed to Christopher Dresser — and *Italy is not allowed to hog the* limelight.
Palazzo Ducale, Piazza San Marco. Daily 9am-7pm, until May 16.

● ***CARPACCIO, COSME TURA E BELLINI:*** The Museo Correr has recently completed work on the restoration of a series of panel paintings dating from *between 1450 and 1520, and* here puts on show the result of its labours. The work seems to be exemplary in its care and discretion, and the stages of cleaning and restoration are meticulously charted in photographs, x-rays, and scientific analysis.
Museo Correr, Piazzo San Marco. Wed-Mon 11am-5pm, until May 24.

● **DA VELAZQUEZ A MURILLO:** *Billed as representing "the* golden age in Andalusia", this apparently major loan show is a grave disappointment. Though 50 pictures are borrowed from *important Spanish museums and* other collections throughout Europe, the organisers seem on the whole to have been fobbed off with inferior works of the great, *though occasionally they com-*pensate with remarkably good works by second-raters.
Fondazione Cini, San Giorgio (41-5289900) Tuesday-Sunday 10am-6pm, until June 27.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Two closely seen

A crack of thunder, the hiss of drenching rain, the chop and pitch of a storm at sea — thse television sound effects reords certainly earned their keep in the archives yesterday. For Dahne du Maurier, subject of Grnada's **Celebration** (ITV), the ponding of the Cornish waves was a cafening external symbol of the sexal (possibly lesbian) tempest tha boiled and seethed beneath hewriting.

hr art critic Andrew Graham-Dixn, meanwhile, whose quiet anysis of Theodore Géricault's grer *rolling* dramatic shipwreck picure *The Raft of the Medusa* was conucted amid lightning and dowpour noises in BBC 2's **Every Picure Tells a Story**, the atmo*sphrics pointed* to something differet but equally overwhelming. Fons he took on board ever more intepretations of this great vertiginou wall-of-water picture, the mor he found he was all awash.

Te du Maurier programme was a stange, messy offering, which seered to rely on the rather desprate hope that its late-night viewrs would drop off, wake up agai, and assume they'd missed somthing. Narrative continuity was hamefully sloppy (some things explined twice, others never); and the avalier attitude to archive footge was enough to drive you madFilm clips might be biographical r illustrative, but how could you tll which?

Onthe plus side, however, Daphne's xcellent biographer, Margaret orster, stood dutifully in varios evocative locations and did solidits to camera: and in passing, I mut admit that I did suddenly grasthe point of *Rebecca*: that the secord Mrs de Winter is jealous of the dad wife. I know it was always there but *I saw it differently*. I thought the poor girl was just tyranised by a sense of impossible standards. How true it is that we look t art-works and see ourselves.

Mking just this point, *Every Pictur Tells a Story* was a fresh and enjoyable art-history lesson in which we learnt not only of the historical event depicted in Géricault's painting (an 1816 shipwreck), but also listened politely while devotees of the artist put forward a range of possible reasons why Géricault chose to paint it. It shows hope in God, said one biographer: the tiny glimpsed sail on the horizon offers redemption. It is a radical picture, said another: these poor and lowly men have been symbolically cast adrift, yet *they survive*. Their heroic human pyramid projects forwards, away from the viewer and into the future.



Daphne du Maurier: little of her character was illuminated

The effect of the programme seemed to be familiar — the talking-heads *taken cumulatively*, their evidence giving an all-round perspective of the picture's appeal. But then Graham-Dixon stood back and took stock, and suddenly it wasn't so simple. The programme's own human pyramid of commentators effectively broke up, fell apart, stopped waving, started drowning. After all, said Graham-Dixon, look at the witnesses. The advocate of the religious interpretation is religious herself; and the man who avers that Géricault was primarily a Norman realist — well, hang on, he's a realist from Normandy. Perhaps it's true, that they all see what they want to see.

LYNNE TRUSS

CONCERTS: Mozart in Birmingham and some Easter music in London

Sounds perfectly tailored

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

An interesting advantage of an acoustic both as spacious and as sensitive as that of Symphony Hall is that it stimulates new ideas in programming. While an *all-Mozart concert might* include the usual concerto and symphony items, in these circumstances it could quite reasonably begin with a chamber piece. With *the canopy above the platform* lowered a few feet to project the sound in the right direction, the experiment of opening the programme with the Piano and Wind Quintet, K452, was successful on several levels but above all in preserving the intimacy of an extraordinarily spontaneous performance by the pianist Robert Levin.

The audience was obviously delighted by the opportunity to hear the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's excellent woodwind (and horn) principals in a different context and cheered them generously. At the same time, while Levin's obvious enthusiasm for Mozart was spreading its infection round the hall, the small-scale sound of the quintet was preparing the ear to be astonished by the size and splendour of the Piano Concerto in C, K467.

The pianist concentrated on playing continuo in the orchestral passages, on adding sometimes surprising but always interesting *decorations to the solo line, on* taking subtle liberties with rhythmic details, on improvising cadenzas which varied between the inspired and the texturally obscure, on smiling at his colleagues in the orchestra as though he were among the cherubim. In fact Levin concentrated on everything except conducting (which he would no doubt have welcomed as well).

But Simon Rattle was conducting, clearly enjoying the experience of living dangerously with Levin and making the most of the opportunity to approximate the effect of Mozart's tutti to the impact they must have made in 1785.

His interpretation of the Prague Symphony, K504, was even more dramatic. It wasn't exaggerated or unstylish in any way: hints of period-instrument techniques applied to modern instruments, combined with the positioning of the strings on the platform, produced an acceptably authentic sound. But it did match the structural scale of the performance (achieved partly by observing all the repeats) with a *wide dynamic range and sustained* emotional commitment.

GERALD LARNER

Sincere perhaps, bland certainly

BBCSO/Lazarev
Festival Hall/Radio 3

A sizable audience, for once, at the BBC Symphony Orchestra's simultaneous broadcast concert; and no wonder, for here was an evening if not of sorrowful songs then at least of highly spiritual strings.

John Tavener's *The Protecting Veil* topped the classical charts after its 1989 Proms premiere and has since become something of a cult piece. Friday's programme note writer was very much part of that currently fashionable conspiracy of *thought which compares the* "sincerity and serenity" of composers such as Pärt, Gorecki and Tavener with the "intellectually egocentric avant-garde" — by implication, of course, *to the latter's disadvantage*.

There will, I hope, be many in the audience who found Tavener's 45-minute meditation for cello and orchestra an evocative eight-fold sound picture of the cosmic power of the Mother of God; and a timely focus for private and corporate meditation on her role in the Death and Resurrection of Christ.

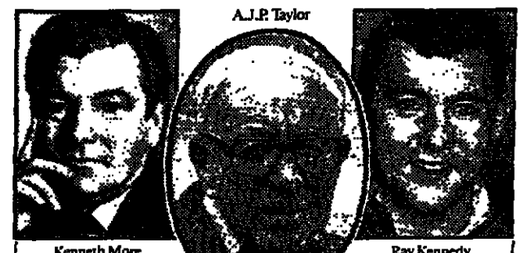
But I also hope there will be some who were no less keenly aware of the essential blandness of the musical material, the tired gestures at the heart of writing which can, perhaps inevitably, only imitate the deep and resonant ancient simplicities from which it has drawn inspiration.

Raphael Wallfisch's way with the *piece is more austere than that of its* original advocate, Steven Isserlis, and this is no bad thing. The three rising notes, whose harmonics and resonances the entire body of strings exults in so promisingly at *the start*, were given an intensity of colour which carried them through their subsequent transformations in time and space.

Alexander Lazarev, the BBCSO's principal guest conductor, turned to Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony after the interval. As if subconsciously affected by the Tavener, he focused long and hard on the silence at start and finish and on those opening four notes in all their increasing motific significance.

This was a performance of hard, bright edges and raw excitement. Trumpets and trombones were encouraged to shout down the strings with such hideous laughter that when a theme returned to the *main body of the orchestra*, it found its own level only awkwardly in a performance which never found its own equilibrium.

HILARY FINCH



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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: America's oldest symphony orchestra demonstrates its range in two concerts under Kurt Masur. The first concert includes music by Brahms (*Symphony No 2*), Mozart (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat for violin and viola, K 364) and Strauss (*Till Eulenspiegel*), the following evening's programme combines Barber's Adagio for Strings with Dvořák's "New World" Symphony and a work entitled *H'un (Lacerations): In Memoriam 1966-76* by Bright Sheng.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), *tonight, tomorrow*, 7.30pm.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: An odd mating at the Hayward Gallery brings together a retrospective of Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), close associate of Steiglitz, leading figure of the American avant-garde, and haunting painter of large flower pictures and desert scenes from the southwest, and James Turrell (born 1943), who works in pure light.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm). Until June 27.

TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN FRENCH ART A show representing a particular collection — that of the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Lille, temporarily closed for refurbishment — rather than embodying a particular theme. This gives a very fair idea of the cross currents in French art between 1700 and 1880. The Lille collection includes some familiar works such as Delacroix's *Medea* and David's *Belisarius* but its strength is in fine works by academic painters little known in this country, such as the symbolist Jean-Charles Cazin and the realist Luc-Olivier Merson, as well as the painter of the Revolution Louis-Leopold Boilly.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, midday-6pm, until July 11.

THE GREAT AGE OF BRITISH WATERCOLOUR. This important new show reveals that between 1750 and 1880 much of the most innovatory work was done in watercolour. Some 300 works by the most famous British watercolourists make the point irresistibly.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Final showing today, 10am-6pm.

TENEBRAE BY CANDLELIGHT: Countertenor James Bowman leads musicians in a recreation of the musical mysteries of the Tenebrae.
St Luke's, Sydney Street, London, SW3 (tickets at the door), 8pm.

FIDELIO: Adolf Dresen's production, not greatly admired when it was first seen at Covent Garden in 1990, returns in a restaged version by Patrick Young. A strong cast includes Josephine Barstow (Leonore), Peter Straka (Florestan), Kurt Rydl (Rocco) and Willard White (Pizarro). Jeffrey Tate conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

MADE IN MANCHESTER: A short season at the ICA brings together a diverse selection of Mancunian performers reflecting the city's rise in artistic activity in recent years. Groups appearing are The Glee Club, SuAndi, New Breed Theatre, Doo Cot Theatre of Objects and Figures, and the DJs of The Hacienda nightclub.
ICA, The Mall, SW1 (071-930 3647), tonight-Sat.

REGIONAL

BOURNEMOUTH. With her well-crafted new album of jazz influenced standards, *Round Midnight*, singer **Elkie Brooks** has made an interesting departure from her normal poppy style.
BIC (0202 297297), 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: A pioneer on the guitar synthesizer, the American **Pat Metheny** has just been awarded his seventh Grammy Award, this time for his first solo project, the album *Secret Story*.
Playhouse, Greenside (031-557 2590), 7pm.

SNAPE: The respected British jazz vocalist **Carol Kidd** sings in the company of her quartet.
Snape Concert Hall, Snape, Suffolk (0728 453543), 7.30pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Return to the Forbidden Planet varied the usual formula of a compilation show by sticking a dozen hits from the Golden Years of rock 'n' roll ("Who's Sorry Now?", "Great Balls of Fire") onto the plot of the 1950 sci-fi movie — itself an updated version of *The Tempest*. The irresistible mix of great songs, Shakespeare misquotes and deliberately tacky decor kept the show running in the West End for three years.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road (0703 229771), Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ *House full, returns only*
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **CITY OF ANGELS** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his tale.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

□ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success lacking the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

□ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by Bebe Neuwirth.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS.** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◩ **MISERY** Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BEST OF THE BEST 2 (18): Karate teacher Eric Roberts avenges pal's death. Brutal, degenerate action adventure. With Phillip Rhee, Ralph Moeller, Wayne Newton. Director Robert Radler.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

♦ **LEAP OF FAITH** (PG): Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama, with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

♦ **ONE FALSE MOVE** (18): Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a fantasising moll. With Cynda Williams, Billy Bob Thornton.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

THE OX (12): A stark family tragedy from 1860s Sweden, beautifully recounted by director Sven Nykvist. Stellan Skarsgard and Ewa Froling as the luckless couple who kill their neighbour's ox.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

PARIS IS BURNING: Jennie Livingston's half-sad, half-exhilarating documentary about Harlem's drag balls of the late Eighties.
ICA (071-930 3647).

CURRENT

CRUSH (15): Impressive, jolting New Zealand fable about sexual power games, a first feature from Alison Maclean. With Marcia Gay Harden, Donogh Rees, Caitlin Bossley.
Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy, with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
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INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot colonial climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

♦ **THE JUNGLE BOOK** (U): Disney's most endearing cartoon of the Sixties: witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up of jungle characters inspired by Kipling.
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♦ **MALCOLM X** (15). Spike Lee's ambitious epic. Denzel Washington is solid as the black activist, but prickly issues get sidestepped, and there is little cinematic fire.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home; but is it really him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's *magical meditation on art and nature*.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino) and just a few spots of magic. With Chris O'Donnell, director, Martin Brest.
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THE SILENT TOUCH (15): Music student Lothaire Bluteau helps rejuvenate crusty composer Max von Sydow. Fetching comic fable about music and love's regenerative powers from Krzysztof Zanussi.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

♦ **SPLITTING HEIRS** (12): Eric Idle seeks to retrieve his dukedom from American usurper Rick Moranis. Lamentable British comedy, with Barbara Hershey, Catherine Zita Jones. Director, Robert Young.
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USED PEOPLE (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept *Marcello Mastroianni's advances?* Queasy comedy romance.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

WIND (PG): Carroll Ballard's visually luxurious but water-logged drama about the America's Cup race. With Matthew Modine, Jennifer Grey.
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WITTGENSTEIN: Derek Jarman's jaunty portrait of philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein excites the eye and stimulates the intellect. With Karl Johnson, Tilda Swinton.
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FRINGE THEATRE: A polite *Dream*, dated Schiller and something rum about Romania

Untroubled by darker thoughts

A Midsummer Night's Dream
Lilian Baylis, Sadler's Wells

DONALD COOPER



Hippolyta/Titania (Elizabeth McKechnie): in this production, a happy wife who turns into a Virgin Queen

THE last production of this play I reviewed was unevenly acted, poorly spoken, lacking in clarity and humour, and a work of imaginative genius. For all its faults, Robert Lepage's mudbath *Dream* at the National reached further into the play's dark emotional recesses than any revival I have seen. With the Century Theatre's production, now passing through Clerkenwell, the opposite is true. It is decently acted, well spoken, clear, amusing, tooled out in Elizabethan doublets and hose, and, I fear, uninspired. For all its merits, Stephen Unwin's *Dream* barely ventures below the play's fingernails.

Unwin follows the now common practice, especially suitable for a hard-pressed touring company, of casting the same performers as Theseus and Oberon and as Hippolyta and Titania. Cleverly handled, the doubling can add meaning as well as reduce the wage bill. There is an unease between the two human bigwigs — is not the Amazonian queen about to wed the Athenian king who conquered her? — which cannot be settled in surface ways.

What follows, then, is a cathartic nightmare in which they are transformed into warring fairies and solve their conflicts where it matters, in the unconscious. That may sound pretentious; but it has Peter Brook's imprimatur, and has often worked well in the theatre.

Surprisingly, Robert Langdon Lloyd and Elizabeth McKechnie do not try it at the Lilian Baylis. From the beginning they appear to be rapturously in love and, though her Hippolyta gives a slight start when his Theseus threatens the disobedient Hermia, they still seem pretty devoted when they retire into their dressing rooms for a quick change. Indeed, I haven't seen a Theseus who exuded more lavish good humour or a Hippolyta so entranced by that most unAmazonian of states, marriage.

Removal to the fairy sward — here, the same green box as the court — changes her more than it does him. Lloyd's Oberon is a merry fellow, prankish where he should be vengeful, and, when the time comes to trick Titania into bestiality, too much like an overgrown schoolboy slipping salt into his wife's tea on April Fool's Day. McKechnie, however, becomes brassy and abrasive and, judging by her ginger wig and ample dress, is meant to remind us as much of the Virgin as the Fairy Queen.

Here is Unwin's one concession to imaginative originality, and it is not a very happy one. What, really, is gained by passing off Titania as Gloriana? Mostly, it means that the Cobwebs and Moths become courtiers in white ruffs and tunics. They posture, bow, and try not to flinch when the monarch's favourite turns out to be, not Leicester, not Essex, but a prole dressed as a donkey; but they look poorly equipped for the tasks actually asked of them, such as extracting honeybags from bumblebees.

Otherwise, a warm, generous Hermia from Alison Johnston, a gleefully malicious Puck from Roger Hyams, a jolly, blustering Bottom from Jeremy Swift and, in Michael Bertenshaw, a fine, scowling Egeus. This is a thoroughly respectable *Dream*: for better, for worse.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Young, angry, dated

The Robbers
Grace at The Latchmere, Battersea

DONALD COOPER



Wicked son and father: Franz (Alan Gilchrist), Count (Colm O'Neill)

THE revolutionary sentiments of Schiller's first play caused a sensation when first produced, nine years before the Fall of the Bastille alarmed petty autocrats throughout Europe. His hero Karl turns murderer and incendiary because his angry old father will not forgive some youthful, unspecified peccadillo. Powder magazines go up in flames, raped nuns go down on all sides; outnumbered 20 to one in the forests of Bohemia, with one flash of his eyes he inspires his robber band to victory.

Irony of ironies, his life of violence — belatedly claimed to be bringing justice through lawlessness — rests on a terrible mistake. The old Count loved him all along. Karl's brother Franz is the evil genius, poisoning his father's mind, scheming to grab the estates and the lovely Amalia, grinding the faces of the poor and shocking men of God with his atheism. Karl also shocks a man of God, deep in Bohemia's woods, but that is because he stands for liberty, opposes tyranny: "My spirit thirsts for deeds, my lungs for freedom."

This is a young man's play — Schiller was 21 — and in many respects ground-breaking, but as with many works that courageously break ground there is an unwieldy rawness that keeps it within its own time. A more imaginative production than Paul Miller's for London Stage Company would have indicated the different settings, aged the characters and given the wandering eye distractions to dwell on. With a cast of 12, Miller must take an economical course: on a navy-blue stage, gilt picture frames hang permanently in view, though not required till the end, and an ornate chair is wheeled in for the Count (Colm O'Neill) to suffer heart attacks on. Amalia (Nina Marc) wears the same black evening dress in castle, boudoir or open air. The naively trusting Karl (Dominic Taylor), whose basic decency shines, literally, from his handsome face, puts on a snow-white greatcoat which is enough to render him unrecognisable on returning to his Franconian homeland — cue for rapturous description of meadows, glades and trees weighed down with fruit.

Schiller's study of Shakespearean tragedy shows itself in the behaviour of the wicked Franz, who lets us into his devilish plots, revels in their ingenuity and behaves in turn like Macbeth, Claudius and Richard III. Alan Gilchrist's clipped voice, delivered very fast, nets something of this character's demonic nature. The early duologues are static and dull; such turns of plot as the message written in blood on a broken sword are ridiculous, and while Miller has edited Frank Lamport's translation the result feels only like a shortening, where a credible revival really needs re-imagination and, where necessary, invention as well as pruning of the shop-worn bombast. Three times characters swear they will walk barefoot through hell. In 1993 once is too many.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Loud and ludicrous

Mrs Ceausescu's Organisation of Love
BAC, Battersea

THIS monster of a play, this mess, this indigestible and gobbety diatribe against communism, fascism, anti-Semitism and the poor quality of Romanian footwear, this fearful waste of energy is produced by Plain Clothes. Eighteen months ago I greatly admired the company's previous work, *Blue Night in the Heart of the West*, but that was written by James Stock and this is by Phil Smith. According to the programme Smith is the author of over 50 performed plays; he is also, my press release tells me, little known. How these two facts are reconciled remains unclear.

For *Mrs Ceausescu* one side of the stage is a large, lopsided, double-decker wardrobe stuffed with clothes. Mostly the characters enter by clambering over the wardrobe and letting themselves drop down but at other times they push their way through the frocks on hands and knees. On the other side of the stage stands a heart-shaped cushion on a stick. Between the affluence and the love various Romanians dart forth and back between the 1930s and today, moaning about their lot, selling things from suitcases, waltzing with the Queen Mother (the *Romanian* one, of course), groping for one another's apertures and behaving in a fully fetid manner for well over two hours.

Smith has written one witty pun: at a time of privation, when only ersatz tea is available, a character explains, "Proper tea is theft." For the rest, the purpose of the play is unfathomable (Elena Ceausescu was a criminal? man-mad? Romanians are dolts?) and the sequence of scenes lacks grammar, that assemblage of fact and feeling spreading connections backwards and forwards through the play.

Two characters die with their mouths open and become heroes; the king fondles a young girl: Elena (Virginia Radcliffe, raucously common) changes sides. Her thuggish buffoon of a husband, played only on that note (quite amusingly, I admit) by Paul Ritter, is doltishly common. Lights turn from red to white. When the hated Ceausescus flee, the watching crowd twist their mouths open and freeze them in gigantic Os. The company go in for performance theatre and there is a lot of walking round the set and leaning out from steps or wardrobe to sneer and snarl. The acting in Francesca Joseph's production is clamorous.

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Master race swathed in myths

Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke on two studies of the mixture of scientific theory and occult beliefs in the ideology of Nazism



The Nazis' belief in an ancient Aryan race originating in the Arctic is reflected in idealised images such as this by Adolf Wissel

All Arctic explorers are wary of magnetic error as they approach the Pole. Likewise, any author embarking on such sensational topics as sunken continents, planetary collisions and extraterrestial invasion may easily be led astray. Readers who know Joscelyn Godwin's earlier books on music, the harmony of the spheres and Renaissance neo-Platonism will find in *Arktos* a sure guide to the realms of polar mythology, rich in literary sources and spiritual insight.

As we know, the Earth does not sit erect in its orbit around the Sun; the polar axis tilts at an angle of about 23½ degrees to the plane of the ecliptic. But was this always so and will it remain so? The notion of a shift in the Earth's axis, advanced here by numerous authorities, provides the *leitmotif* of Godwin's voyage through mythology, occultism, ethnology and contemporary *scientific theories. His* question is not so much a scientific one: namely, did the Earth's axis shift? His concern is rather that of intellectual history: what have people believed about its shifting, and why?

ARKTOS
The Polar Myth
in Science, Symbolism
and Nazi Survival
By Joscelyn Godwin
Thames & Hudson, £10.95pbk

UNIVERSAL ICE
Science and Ideology
in the Nazi State
By Robert Bowen
Belhaven, £39.50

Myths of a Golden Age and cyclical theories of time offer a convenient point of departure. The cosmological *speculations of* H.P. Blavatsky, renowned as the founder of Theosophy, and of René Guenon, the French metaphysician, are examined in this context. Climatic change implies migrations, so it is a small step to the idea of an ancient race which was supposed to have its origin in the Arctic and then spread southwards across Eurasia. Godwin traces theories about Hyperborean and Aryan races back to French and German scholars in the Romantic period, and thence to the ethnologists and the Theosophists of the late 19th century.

The occult background of Nazi ideology, in particular its racially coloured borrowings from Theosophy, also receives judicious investigation, as do the strange polar mythologies of neo-Nazism which posit the survival of Hitler or a Fourth Reich in an Antarctic fastness. UFOs, the Hollow Earth doctrine, the evil mythos of Antarctica, and the hidden lands of Agartha and Shambhala, beloved of occult writers from the end of the last century until the present, offer a glittering lode of further esoteric enquiry. The closing section of the book reviews the history of astronomical and geological ideas on the tilt of the Earth's axis.

Arktos provides an Ariadne's thread through the tangled web of myths, scientific notions and religious beliefs surrounding the Poles from ancient times to the present. Given the frequently fantastic and occult nature of his subject, Godwin has given us a masterpiece of clarity and economy.

Robert Bowen is concerned with a more specific topic in the recent history of cosmology. *Universal Ice* recounts the story of Hanns Horbiger (1860-1931), an Austrian engineer who advanced his own glacial cosmogony in defiance of orthodox approaches to astronomy and the earth sciences. Horbiger regarded ice as a fundamental substance of the universe, dividing cosmic bodies into the two categories of hot stars and countless gigantic lumps of ice of various sizes. In his major treatise *Glacial-Kosmogonie (1913)*, co-authored with an amateur astronomer called Philipp Fauth, Horbiger attempted to describe the history of the universe, our solar system and the Earth on the basis of the old geological debate between neptunism and plutonism. This erroneous Universal Ice Theory *(Welteislehre)*, usually abbreviated to WEL, subsequently found favour among Nazis in search of an "Aryan" or "Nordic" science expressive of traditional Germanic culture.

Bowen devotes the first half of his book to a detailed exegesis of Horbiger's theory. The reader may find the scientific content of these chapters fairly taxing. A linking chapter presents a condensed history of the rise of Hitler and the National Socialists in Germany, followed by sections on religion, philosophy, science and medicine, and the arts in the Third Reich.

Bowen's chief witness for the Nazi adoption of WEL is Rudolf von Elmayer-Vestenbrugg, who drew a close comparison between Horbiger's glacial cosmogony and the cosmology of the Icelandic Eddas, with their references to cataclysms, *Muspilheim* (the realm of fire) and *Niflheim* (the frost region) in Norse mythology.

Although Bowen emphasises the congruence of WEL's epic outlines with a Nazi ideology grounded in an Aryan-Nordic world-view, his book is stronger on science than history. For instance, he omits to mention the strong interest of both Himmler and Hitler in Universal Ice. Through his *Ahnenerbe* (Ancestral Heritage) office, Himmler funded a WEL research expedition to Abyssinia in 1936, led by Edmund Kiss ("the poet of Atlantis"). In July 1936, Hermann von Hase (the publisher of WEL literature and *Germanien*, the *Ahnenerbe* journal), Alfred Horbiger (Hanns's eldest son), and other WEL researchers signed the so-called Pyrmont Protocol, agreeing that they would henceforth develop WEL research in the *Ahnenerbe* under SS auspices. The project was established (and disguised) as a meteorological section of the office, in which Fauth, Horbiger's pre-war co-author, played an important part.

Lastly, one would expect a reference to Hitler's own enthusiasm for WEL, mentioned several times in his *Table Talk* and best illustrated by his promise to build an observatory at Linz, representing "the three great cosmological conceptions of history — those of Ptolemy, Copernicus and Horbiger".

Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke is author of The Occult Roots of Nazism

PAPERBACKS

BRIGHTNESS FALLS
By Jay McInerney
Penguin, £5.99

ANOTHER extended parable of *hubris* and nemesis from the boomtown of New York of the 1980s, but this tale of a city has a heart, as well as teeth and claws. McInerney's satire has a deadly bite and is achingly funny, but his protagonists are as much victims as aggressors; ridicule is tempered with sympathy as we recognise and forgive their fear and motivation. The plot moves at a relentless pace, driven by crackling dialogue and displaying a seemingly omniscient knowledge of the politics of power and influence in the Big Apple.

TEARS BEFORE
BEDTIME and
WEEP NO MORE
By Barbara Skelton
Pimlico, £10

THESE rather random glimpses of a rackety life lived in London's intellectual bohemia of the 1940s and 1950s are as entertaining and infuriating as most people have clearly found their author. Novelist, fashion model and, in later less glamorous days, saleslady and dental nurse, Skelton's main claims to fame are her marriages to Cyril Connolly (referred to variously as Pop, Pungle, Scowl-Jowl Face and Scaly Skin) and George Weidenfeld, and her affair with King Farouk. Well-known figures pepper the pages, usually cut down to size in malicious and very funny little portraits. No surprise that one of the final chapters of this hiss and tell autobiography is headed "Aftermath".

FORGOTTEN
FATHERLAND
By Ben Macintyre
Picador, £6.99

IN 1886, Friedrich Nietzsche's sister Elizabeth set off for the depths of Paraguay to found a small colony dedicated to the creation of a pure Aryan race. Paraguay has been popular with the Germans ever since. This book describes Macintyre's intrepid expedition into the interior to find the pathetic remains of Nueva Germania and its creator, "a singularly nasty woman . . . bigoted, ambitious and bloody-minded". The description of his journey is bizarre and blissfully funny, and rather too soon gives way to Macintyre's second and more serious concern, to show the contempt Nietzsche had for his sister's blind racism, and the extent to which she hijacked his reputation to serve her own repugnant ends.

MINOTAUR: POETRY
AND THE NATION STATE
By Tom Paulin
Faber, £8.99

PAULIN'S second collection of literary-political essays takes its title from Shelley's image of John Bull as Ion Minotaur, "the mightiest of all Europa's taurine progeny" and a potent image of state repression. The essays evoke a 17th-century ability to understand the state as a half-human monster with blind but purposeful movements. Paulin's subjects include Yeats, Dickens and Emily Dickinson, Arthur Hugh Clough, and Europeans like Miroslav Holub, who have felt the state's breath on them. He writes especially well on the Americans Robert Frost and Elizabeth Bishop, both of whom were much concerned with power and the individual's place in the scheme of things. Paulin makes his points vigorously in this demanding book.

●*Contributors: Alexander Ross, Hazel Leslie, Brian Morton*

Behind the bars of the human zoo

Christina Koning

THE IMAGINARY
MONKEY
By Sean French
Granta, £12.99

Metamorphosis — of lady into fox, of man into cockroach, or, indeed, of man into monkey — is not a new subject in fiction. Nor, to be fair, does Sean French's first novel make any claims for it to be considered as such: allusions to earlier exercises in the genre — of which Ian McEwan's short story, "Reflections of a Kept Ape", is perhaps the most obvious — are to be found throughout. Kafka's more famous story of transformation is also invoked, not least by the name given to the book's protagonist.

The purpose of all such metamorphoses in literature is, of course, to disrupt the reader's complacent assumptions by showing the world from a point of view not merely unfamiliar, but inhuman. And yet — since the frisson of surprise can only be achieved within a matrix of expectancy — the narrative voice must largely remain that of a human being; one, moreover, who is able to recall the conditions of his former existence.



French: anatomist

French's narrator, Greg Weaver, is a large, unhappy man who changes overnight into a small, unhappy monkey. But (apart from a marked predilection for bananas on the part of the latter) it is not always easy to distinguish between their two accounts.

One reason for this is that, even before his transformation, Greg regards his fellow beings with an anthropologist's eye. The scientific interest with which he observes the human zoo stands him in good stead when he finds himself, briefly, on the other side of the bars. After his transformation (which takes place in Regent's Park Zoo), he is forced to endure the society of other, real, monkeys. A man trapped in a monkey's shape, he is doubly alienated — both from the "vast pink balloon faces" outside the cage, and from the simian "rapists" within it.

This state of affairs is brought to an end when Greg escapes, and takes refuge in his former girlfriend's house, where he is adopted as her pet and surrogate baby. Further scope is afforded for his anthropological studies when he inadvertently witnesses his girlfriend having sex with her new lover. But after his experiences in the monkey cage, even this cannot upset him, and the end of the book finds him reconciled to his new condition — even grateful for it.

French's treatment of his character's dilemma eschews Kafkaesque horror for comic detachment: in his version, the transformation of man into beast is simply a device for describing things from an unusual angle — an excuse for displaying the writer's considerable stylistic dexterity and for consolidating his reputation as an anatomist of human nature.

MICHAEL FREEMAN



Prasat Muang Tam: amazingly durable despite subsidence

Faith in geometry

Marcus Binney

PALACES OF
THE GODS
Khmer Art and
Architecture in Thailand
By Smithi Siribhadra and Elizabeth Moore
New Cavendish, £45

This book vividly illustrates the history of romantic decay, earnest restoration and savage despoliation. In the north east of Thailand, clustered around the Mekong River, is a remarkable group of Khmer temples dating from the 7th to the 14th centuries. Here in the original heartland of the Khmer are dozens of not-so-miniature Angkor Wats, temples with the characteristic beehive silhouette combining a superabundance of carved ornament with the strictest geometry of layout. Columned door cases face the four compass points, while cornices and window surrounds are uncannily similar to Roman and Renaissance buildings.

Just as the Incas never learnt of the wheel, so the Khmer, for all their dexterity as masons, never discovered the principle of vaulting. Massive temples contain only tiny chambers within. For these temples were not built to house worshippers but to represent heaven on earth.

Another surprise is the beauty of the brickwork dating from the 11th and 12th centuries. This is as fine and close-jointed as the best "rubbed" brick in early 18th-century England, and like the stonework, laid without mortar or cement.

The durability of these buildings nonetheless is amazing, even when they have suffered from subsidence as much as Prasat Muang Tam, arguably the most drunken looking building on earth. It is a credit to the restorers that there are as many walls and crazy, picturesque angles as before.

By contrast with the romance of most of the temples illustrated in this volume, Ta Muen Thom is an agonising sight. Treasure hunters have completed the devastation begun by the Khmer Rouge, chiselling every saleable bas-relief from the façades, leaving a poignant heap of beautifully cut stones which look as if they have been hit by a cluster bomb.

As well as old photographs and plans, the book contains useful itineraries. The message is: get up early if you want to take photographs — most of the main fronts face east.

Bold pursuit of a romantic line

Robert Nye

DESIRE IN BELFAST
By Séan Haldane
Blackstaff Press, £5.95 pbk

GUARDING THE
BORDER
Selected Poems
By Sebastian Barker
Enitharmon Press, £7.95 pbk

Romanticism is not just a style; it is a disease, a way of looking at the world, not merely a manner of writing about it. If we say that Shelley or Keats is a "romantic poet" we are making a diagnosis rather than a criticism: implicit in our remark is the hope that the fool has the good sense to die young, and a suggestion that he goes in for women, melancholy, madness, ruins, trances, drink, *drugs, debt, and dreams no mortal* ever dared to dream before (well, not often).

Séan Haldane and Sebastian Barker are both romantic poets, though otherwise in background, style, diction, imagery, temper and temperament, it is difficult to imagine two living poets much further apart. Yet they seem to me to have in common, at their individual best, an excellence which (as Edward Thomas once said in reviewing an early volume of Robert Frost's) is poetry because it is better than prose.

Haldane, now in his fiftieth year, is perhaps about to be rediscovered. Here is a poet who has *not* spent all his spare time in a BBC studio, who is hardly represented in any of the anthologies, who has probably never given a public reading nor won a literary prize — in short, a poet who has not played that dangerous game with fame which so many 20th-century writers assume to be necessary to their careers. He has simply pursued a lifelong vocation of writing poems.

For that reason, and for others which no doubt strike deeper, his work has an uncommon but essential quality of necessity:

My birthday present. You. I unwrap you.
Untie the ribbons, open up the gift:
All you. For me. I speak to you in tongues.
A church spire teeters in iridian skies
The sun leaps through, snow flowers on the hedges,
The wrapping torn like petals on the bed,
And in your hair I bury my bald head.

A romantic poem about baldness, and why not. Haldane makes no attempt to impress, to say more than he is moved to say on the spur of the moment. The lines quoted form a whole poem called "Thank-You Note". The book is full of things as good, in a variety of mostly traditional forms that show great skill with rhyme in particular.

Haldane can be sure of his place among the English poets. Sebastian Barker can be sure of no such thing, but I still reckon him the genuine article. Son of the poet George Barker and the novelist Elizabeth Smart, now in his late forties, he is almost too talented for his own good, and certainly too romantic. *Guarding the Border* is his selected poems, a distillation of nine previous books and pamphlets over a 20-year span.

Barker has perfected at least two instantly recognisable manners — one, as in the longish "A Nuclear Epiphany", a style of high-minded rant which sounds like Christopher Smart brought up to date, and the other (more difficult and interesting, I think) where he seeks to express the same extremes of love and hate within such tight structures as the sonnet. The first book of his I ever read was a sonnet sequence *On the Rocks* (1977), an outpouring of 14-line-long howls on the subject of his wife's infidelity. Eighteen of these stand at the heart of the present collection, and anyone bored by the timid lucubrations and evasions of so much contemporary verse will still find in them the note at least of an authentic passion:

– O my daughters,
What a mother you have! Right over the horns of the moon
She threw my heart. Down, down, into the dark
She let it drop, and on to the bright Apollonian
She drove her radiant desire. And now in the squeak
And scratch of meeting him she holds the lover's inquest:
'Is this one dead, or t'other one? Which death do I like
– the best?'

He is a hit-or-miss artist, and there is hardly a poem in this book which is not flawed or blurred by some excess. Yet I believe Barker's failures are worth more than the successes of most of his contemporaries, who would certainly never dare to make the exhibition of themselves which in his case he just occasionally makes into art.

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Sorry, the zoo visit is off

School trips have become an area of confusion. David Tytler looks at changing attitudes to outings



Away for a day: many schools have revised their policies on outings in the light of altered rules on charging and safety fears

Accidents such as the death of four teenage canoeists in the sea off Dorset recently raise two main questions about school trips: are they safe and are they necessary?

The question of safety lies squarely with the school and the local education authority, although parents should check the credentials of all adults involved in school trips.

Whether trips are worthwhile educationally is a question that all sides should address and one that has been brought into focus following the introduction of new charging regulations in 1989 making it illegal for state schools to charge parents for educational trips in school time. Schools now have to ask parents for voluntary contributions or arrange visits so that 50 per cent of the time taken is outside school hours and is thus outside the scope of the regulations.

The new rules have led to a significant drop in the number of school outings, according to the School and Group Travel Association (SAGTA). It represents commercial tour operators, local education authorities, teacher unions, carriers and suppliers, and the owners of sites visited by schools.

Christina Hill, its national director, says: "In the first one or two years there was a huge drop, mostly in day visits. One children's zoo fell from 27,000 school visitors to 9,000 in one year and many other attractions showed a fall of around 50 per cent. There has been an improvement but I don't think the figures have gone up to what they were."

The nature of visits has changed significantly from the recreational to the educational, with a big reduction in the number of ski trips.

Some local education authorities allow schools a budget for visits that are part of the national curriculum or GCSE course work — such as geography or science field trips or historical research. In general such allowances are inadequate and schools have to raise additional money or ask parents for voluntary contributions. Schools are obliged to carry out these curriculum trips even if some parents refuse to pay, as they are quite entitled to do.

Graham Clayton, senior solicitor to the National Union of Teachers, says: "Some schools ask for a genuinely voluntary contribution to what is a requirement of the curriculum, which is a very odd situation as parents are being asked to pay for something for which they have already paid through taxes. These curriculum trips have to take place and should be financed from school resources."

A grey area surrounds school visits that are less tightly tied to the national curriculum or GCSE. "This is where the particular absurdity of the voluntary payments system arises," Mr Clayton says. "It is totally artificial. Schools send letters to parents setting out the cost of a trip with a clear understanding that if parents refuse to make such a contribution the trip will be cancelled."

Barry Hilditch, head of Royston comprehensive in Barnsley, West Yorkshire, says that a small amount of money is made available by the local education authority for geography field trips, but this is only enough to pay for transport on day-trips, so courses tend to be run closer to the school and few are residential.

Visits are normally financed jointly by the local education authority, the school and a small voluntary contribution from parents. Mr Hilditch, chairman of the Secondary Heads Association's 11-16 committee, says: "We do sometimes arrange recreational trips but to a lesser extent. We no longer undertake trips to theme parks, such as Alton Towers, and Barnsley has stopped ski trips."

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Some ambitious programmes do survive: 25 sixth formers and old boys from Old Swinford Hospital, a grant-maintained state boarding school in Stourbridge, are at present on a four-week geology field trip in New Zealand. Parents have paid £500 a head but much of the cost has been met by sponsorship.

The arrangements have been overseen by the mountaineers Sir Edmund Hilary, in New Zealand, and Chris Bonnington, in the United Kingdom. The group, joined by scientists from both countries and five pupils from the Queen Elizabeth grammar school, Faversham, will explore the glacier on Mount Cook and venture into the rain forest.

A separate group of 20 sixth formers is going to Kenya for a month in the summer to build a laboratory for a school. The group has raised its costs and £7,000 towards building materials for the laboratory. Chris Potter, the head of Old Swinford, is a great supporter of expeditions but says that they must be clearly planned and have objectives.

A full programme of trips for all years is operated at Newstead Wood, a grant-maintained selective girls' school in Orpington, Kent. There are day visits to local towns and London linked to history, geography, English and religious studies. The school has modern language exchanges to France, Germany and Spain. A group of year nine and ten students went to Russia for two weeks spread over the winter half-term. Ninety girls have just returned from a Thursday-to-Sunday visit to Ironbridge and other historical sites in Cheshire and Staffordshire, for which parents paid £83. The timings allowed the school to make a charge.

Newstead Wood asks for contributions for all school trips, even those required as part of course work. Christine Lloyd, the senior teacher responsible for school visits, says: "We have always relied on parents and this has not been a problem. All new parents are advised that the system is voluntary and some make an extra contribution by rounding up the amount." Students with genuine need are helped by the school but their identity is known only to the head and the finance officer.

When the school was with the London borough of Bromley, it received £700 towards educational visits, about £1 a girl per year. On going grant-maintained last April, the governors put £1,000 into a high-interest account to meet cases of need. Mrs Lloyd says that there has been a slight increase in requests for help over the past year.

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Opec tries to stop cheating on output

BY OUR CITY STAFF

OPEC's compliance committee, charged with investigating alleged cheating, is considering ways of assuring stricter compliance with the group's output accord.

Iran has been suggested as a potential over-producer and therefore in breach of the accord, but the charge has been denied by the country's oil ministry.

The committee has discussed ways and means to ensure stricter adherence to the agreement that governs member states' output.

Dr Subroto, the secretary-general of Opec, said the committee had been unable to reconcile differences in oil output figures given by member states and independent sources.

The three-man watchdog panel had met in Qatar to examine whether members had stuck to an agreement limiting Opec's production to 23.582 million barrels per day (bpd) for March to June to try to boost prices.

Independent surveys estimate Opec's output in March at about 700,000 bpd above the ceiling, but the secretary-general said member states had supplied different figures.

"We want to compare the figures from the members and the figures that we received from the secondary sources," he said after the meeting.

Independent surveys have pointed the finger at Iran for half of the estimated excess in production in March. But Irna, the Iranian news agency, quoted an oil ministry statement as saying such charges were "hasty conclusions and judgments". Iran has expressed readiness to receive any committee approved by Opec to investigate its adherence to the February accord.

The secretary-general and the other committee members will fly to Oman to present their findings to a meeting of all 12 Opec ministers tonight.

Diamonds are industry's best friend

The market for manufactured diamonds is growing fast as demand from industry outstrips supply, **Colin Campbell** says

The notion that all diamonds are created by nature over aeons and must be dug out of the ground is a myth. The tiny diamond crystals used in industry can be made by man in hours. Worldwide demand for industrial diamonds continues to outstrip the supply from natural diamond mines and alluvial diggings, so more and more companies are investing in the manufacture of industrial diamonds.

There are three main sources of industrial diamonds: those mined naturally from volcanic pipes or alluvial diggings, notably in Botswana, South Africa and Russia; those produced under a high pressure/high temperature synthesis process developed in 1953 and those manufactured using the relatively new technology of chemical vapour deposition (CVD).

Gem stones are mined, though it is technically possible to "make" them, but not at a competitive price. No two stones are the same and they are classified into more than 5,000 categories. But while gem diamonds cost thousands of dollars per carat, industrial stones are no more than $2.50 to $3 a carat.

The annual world market for industrial diamonds is valued at about $550 million. By comparison, $3.4 billion of gem stones were sold last year by the Central Selling Organisation, De Beers' marketing arm. But the industrial market is growing fast. The annual world production by traditional mining methods of natural rough diamonds is split almost equally between gem and industrial quality roughs. However, only an estimated 12 per cent of gem production finishes up as jewellery, because some of the original carat is lost during the cutting. Although every stone mined can be used, industry remains hungry for special structures of diamonds for special industrial purposes.

A diamond is the hardest substance known to man. But it is, after all, only carbon. In factories as far apart as Japan, Russia, South Africa, America and the Irish Republic, industrial diamonds are created by a combination of pressures in excess of 60 kilobars and temperatures of up to 1,600 centigrade. The presses in which industrial diamonds are made can cost up to $1 million each. Brian Cullingworth, of De Beers industrial division, explains that 60 kilobars of pressure might be equivalent to turning the Eiffel Tower upside down and putting the apex of the tower on the palm of your hand.

At least once a month, he has to debunk a common misconception that anyone can make a diamond using a massive oxyacetylene torch and a microwave oven. The business is scientifically complex and commercially competitive, although, in essence, man is duplicating nature.

Just as the ingredients of Coca-Cola can be identified, so too can the composition of a diamond. But the formula by which Coca-Cola's ingredients are put together is known to only a few people, and the exact combination of pressure, heat, time and capsule content required to make a diamond is just as secret. Making them requires massive capital and hundreds of scientific brains.

In 1953, Asea, the Swedish engineering concern, produced the first "made" diamond, though no public announcement was made and the group failed to take out patent rights. Meanwhile, others had been working on the synthesis process, and in 1955, America's General Electric Company announced that it had successfully produced synthetic diamonds. GE registered exclusive patent rights.

In 1956, De Beers established its Adamant Research Laboratory in Johannesburg to intensify research into diamond synthesis. In 1959, it announced that it had produced synthetic diamonds. The following year, De Beers formed the Ultra High Pressure Units company to make synthetic diamonds on a commercial scale. Today, De Beers also has industrial diamond plants in the Irish Republic, Sweden and the Isle of Man.

The market for industrial diamonds was traditionally based on the abrasive industries. In the production of the average car, at least 1¼ carats of industrial diamonds are used in the tooling processes. Diamonds have long been used in oilwell drilling and for wire drawing dies. Today, industrial diamonds are used in surgical blades and on dentists' tools. They are required in light bulb manufacture, for woodwork, in wire drawing and for the electronic and optical industries. New end markets are constantly being found. Thermal management in the computer, laser and electronics industries has opened new markets. The scientific developments that led to the CVD process of diamond coatings has encouraged a further round of international capital investment. The US Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency recently awarded Astex, an American CVD reactor manufacturer, $2.5 million to develop equipment and technologies for diamond substrates (heat sinks) for multi-chip modules.

Monsanto spent $30 million on buying a company making hard carbon diamond-like coatings for spectacles, and Norton, the US diamond toolmaker, has invested $50 million to date in CVD.

America's *Forbes* magazine recently estimated there were 200 companies and laboratories involved in CVD work spending $100 million annually, and there has been a 600,000 ecus initiative on Europe's Eureka programme that is developing tool coatings, including CVD diamond, for the paper processing industry.

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Setting sights: industrial diamonds are used extensively in the electronic and optical industries

De Beers prepares to target Chinese market

BY OUR MINING CORRESPONDENT

DE BEERS, the diamond group whose annual advertising and market promotion budget has risen steadily from $45 million in 1980 to more than $164 million today, is to increase by "several million dollars" its advertising thrust in China and Southeast Asia.

Alex Barbour, deputy chairman of Central Selling Organisation, De Beers' marketing arm, told *Mazal U'Bracha*, the Israeli trade journal, that the upsurge in the economies of Southeast Asia was leading to increased demand for diamonds in China and Thailand.

The company would increase advertising and lift its marketing programmes in China and Southeast Asia, Mr Barbour said.

De Beers might devote up to $1.5 million to the Chinese market.

This would include direct consumer advertising in mainland China, the journal was told.

The $40 billion a year retail market in diamonds is dominated by America, Europe and Japan. A recent De Beers survey found that Southeast Asia accounted for only 4 per cent of total world retail diamond jewellery sales.

The study found, however, that spending patterns of the younger generation in Southeast Asia were changing, and that the tradition of the diamond engagement ring was growing.

In America, promotion by De Beers of "diamonds for men" has developed into a $1 billion a year market. It is estimated that 2.5 per cent of American men received an item of diamond jewellery during 1992 as a gift from a loved one.

Japan plans to cut huge trade surplus

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

KIICHI Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, will unveil a programme demonstrating his country's readiness to lead the world economy and cut its huge trade surplus when he meets President Clinton in Washington this week, a financial daily newspaper reported.

Nihon Keizai Shimbun said the programme contained measures to open the domestic market, expand domestic demand, recycle the influx of capital, co-operate in global environmental problems and support Russia. Market-opening measures would include imports of large products such as super-computers for state-run facilities, it said.

The *Asahi Shimbun* said Mr Miyazawa was expected to propose a new panel to handle economic issues at senior official level, replacing the structural impediment initiative talks. Those talks opened in 1989, with the two sides looking for ways to cut the large US trade deficit and reduce hostility over trade.

The Clinton administration recently attacked Japan for shutting US companies out of its markets. Japan's trade surplus with America rose from $37.7 billion in 1991 to $44.2 billion last year. Mr Miyazawa is also expected to make proposals to promote co-operation in environmental, energy, transport and communications fields, *Asahi* said.

Yomiuri Shimbun said Japan and America would agree on joint research and development projects in transport, including high-speed railways.

The government has been working on what it promises will be the largest economic stimulus package.

According to Kyodo news agency, a senior policymaker for the ruling liberal democratic party said it would exceed Y12,000 billion (£6.9 billion). Economic ministers are due to meet on Tuesday to approve the plan.

Gunmaker takes shot at clothes sales

BY JON ASHWORTH

HOW has one of the world's most famous gunmaker tackled the recession? By selling clothes. Holland & Holland, which has Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the Stock Exchange, as non-executive chairman, now derives nearly a third of its income from sales of clothing and accessories.

The fall in the value of the pound has also boosted export sales of new and used guns, the backbone of the business.

The reason H&H is concentrating on clothes is because, in June 1989, it passed into the hands of Chanel, the French fashion and luxury goods house, in an agreed bid valuing it at £11 million. At the time of the purchase, Chanel promised to expand the accessories range. The company now appears to be holding its own.

Roger Mitchell, deputy chairman, said clothing sales were up despite the recession — and the range does not come cheap. Shooting jackets cost £345 and field shoes cost £295.

H&H has annual sales of £6 million, 60 per cent of which comes from the sale of new and used guns. Accessories make up 30 per cent and 10 per cent comes from the shooting school near Northwood, Middlesex. The company has a showroom in Bruton Street, Mayfair, and a factory on Harrow Road, west London. It employs 100 people and is the only UK gunmaker to make its own guns from scratch.

While the recession has hit UK sales and affected attendance at the shooting school, the company claims foreign sales are buoyant. Foreign buyers, particularly in America and western Europe, are willing to pay £35,000 for a new H&H shotgun.

However, changes to the rules on value-added tax, which accompanied the arrival of the single market on January 1, have dramatically increased paperwork. If the company sells a gun to a customer in France for less than £24,000, it charges and collects English VAT at 17.5 per cent. But if the cost is more than £24,000, the French rate of 18.6 per cent must be levied by an agent in France and the company has to obtain documents before zero-rating for VAT in the UK.

The VAT rules are causing frustration among many exporters. In a recent survey, the Institute of Directors said a third of companies importing or exporting goods from or to another EC state had run into administrative difficulties.

The IOD has urged the trade department to do more to help UK businesses dismantle obstacles to trade.



Aiming to ride out recession: Daryl Greatrex, sales manager, with an H&H shotgun

Maxwell firms go for sale

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN assets of the late Robert Maxwell go to auction in New York this week, but analysts doubt that prices will reach much more than half their original value.

Details in the catalogue of Maxwell companies up for sale show operating profits of Macmillan Inc, the publishers, and the Official Airlines Guides (OAG) — the stars of the sale — fell 45 per cent in two years to $80 million in the year to end-March.

Walt Disney and Paramount Communications, the two entertainments giants, are reported as leading bidders.

The list also includes K-III Communications, the magazine publishers backed by Kohlberg Kravis, Roberts, the buyout specialist, and Robert Bass, the Texas billionaire. Mr Bass has already made one run at the group. Five months ago he offered $1.2 billion for Macmillan and OAG; in 1988 Mr Maxwell paid $2.6 billion for Macmillan alone.

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Estonia criticises aid for Russia

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

WESTERN efforts to prop up the collapsing Russian economy are fundamentally flawed and overlook the principal need to establish a population of productive farmers, according to Lennart Meri, president of Estonia, which regained independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991.

Mr Meri is also concerned that Western governments are overly focused on the personalities of political leaders in Russia to the detriment of broader principles.

Finance and foreign ministers of the Group of Seven meet in Tokyo this week to follow up the $1.6 billion American package of assistance that emerged from the Russian-American summit in Vancouver last week. The G7 meeting is intended to produce further support.

As Russia flirts with hyper-inflation, Boris Fyodorov, the Russian deputy prime minister, has indicated that Moscow needs $20 billion to stabilise the rouble, plug holes in the budget and restructure Russia's decrepit industrial base. With inflation nearing 30 per cent a month, and central bank credit growth at 20 per cent a month, Russia's western economic advisers now believe that only outside aid can bring about the necessary stabilisation. But Mr Meri, whose country will host Russian troops on its soil until the G7 against pouring too much money into the Russian economy. In an interview in *Die Welt*, a German newspaper, he says he believes that a large part of the credit advanced to the Russians has ended up in Swiss bank accounts. He sees no use in continuing to provide credit, unless a mechanism is brought into place that guarantees that western funds really increase the assets of the Russian people, so that a market economy can develop.

"Only when a market emerges can the West exert influence over Russia," Mr Meri says. But he adds that his impression is that western money is "disappearing into a bottomless pit". Estonia last year introduced its own currency pegged to the mark at a rate of eight to one, which it has successfully defended since. It is considered by western analysts to be the Baltic state farthest along the road to economic reform. Although the fall in output is expected to continue this year, after a 25 per cent drop last year, economists believe that Estonia probably has the worst behind it.

Particular emphasis has been placed by the Estonians, with help from their Scandinavian neighbours, on fostering the family farm as an economic unit. Mr Meri sees the absence of "the farmer class" in Russia as a key source of Russia's economic woes. "I think the G7 has not yet recognised the problem at all. As long as this farmer class does not exist, somebody else will have to feed the Russians from outside." Some $900 million of the American aid package is for subsidised food sales and grants, which have been welcomed by American farmers.

Mr Meri argues that western credits should be used to build or buy tractors for Russia. Tractors, as western funds, must go to those people who increase the Russian gross national product. "The West is making a basic mistake if it feeds the *Nomenklatura* (the old communist elite) with salami," he says.

The Estonian leader is also highly critical of the way in which the West invests political capital in individual Russian leaders, given that the old communist elite were such quick converts to the free market philosophy. He sees Western governments behaving as though the Russian leadership question was something of a "Miss Universe contest". "Whether someone who grew out of the communist party apparatus can be a democrat is doubtful," Mr Meri says. "Yeltsin is possibly an exception. But you cannot base policy on exceptions."

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Abbey to launch telephone banking

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ABBEY National is planning to launch a pilot telephone banking service. This means that all the leading banks, hoping to emulate the success of Midland's Firstdirect, will offer some form of telephone banking by the end of the year.

TSB launched its pilot scheme to about 200,000 customers in Newcastle and Watford last month. NatWest launched its PrimeLine service in January, while Lloyds and Barclays are both investigating telephone banking services. Unlike Midland, the others are offering telephone banking as an extension of customers' existing accounts.

Abbey is likely to launch a pilot service in one of its regions, as an extension to its growing telemarketing operation, based in Bournemouth. Abbey said it has yet to decide on when or where to launch the service, but confirmed it is planned, "as an extension of what we have already got to provide a wider range of banking services".

Firstdirect had 350,000 customers at the end of 1992 and is adding new cheque accounts at a rate of 12,000 a month. The bank forecasts a telephone banking market of 6 million customers by the end of the decade. NatWest plans a full launch of its PrimeLine telephone banking service this year. PrimeLine started as a pilot service in October 1991 and has 9,000 customers.

Barclays has not yet ventured into telephone banking, but has monitored Midland's success. A spokesman said: "We are looking at the various ways of improving services to customers, including looking at telephone banking. Lloyds is taking another look at telephone banking this year. It had a pilot home banking project from 1986 to 1990.

The Cooperative Bank has offered telephone banking to its one million customers for a year. A spokesman estimated that half the bank's customers use it regularly.

DIY firms change tack to win sales



Working holiday: do-it-yourself enthusiasts braved the rain at B&Q's Supercentre in New Malden, southwest London, on Good Friday. B&Q has also opened new Depot stores with even bigger stock ranges

The giants of the DIY sector are adopting new strategies in the wake of the discounting war that spoiled last year's profits. **Carl Mortished** reports

Anxious DIY retailers are hoping that this spring will see a return to better times. April and May are crunch months for sales at the sheds, with the DIY season starting over the Easter break and benefiting from two more bank holiday weekends of painting, decorating and gardening before the summer begins to take the consumers' cash out of the country.

A discounting war spoiled last year's profits for the industry, with the big players cutting prices as much as 20 per cent in an effort to increase sales and market share. B&Q, the leader with 13 per cent of the £7 billion DIY market, saw its profits slump from £90 million in 1991 to £81 million last year, while Texas Homecare's 8 per cent share contributed £43.8 million last time against £47.5 million from the preceding year. Do It All, the sick man of the sector, was caught flat-footed by last year's discounting. According to Verdict, the retail research group, the company made a loss of £18 million in the nine-month period to November, compared with profits of £6 million in the previous period.

Do it All's parents, WH Smith and Boots, are working hard to bring the patient back to health. Do It All is a product of the marriage of Smith's Do it All chain and the chemist's Payless subsidiary. The group now accounts for about 6 per cent of UK sales. In a mature market place, with shoppers looking for bargains, retailers need large volumes to maintain their profits and the Payless/Do It All merger in 1991 gave the combined chain economies of scale and more muscle to extract better discounts from suppliers.

According to Nick Hawkins, retail analyst at Kleinwort Benson, Do It All has suffered from having a large number of older, first generation stores that need to be relocated and a reputation in the past for too many items being out of stock. In addition, as much as 20 per cent of the space in the former Payless stores was taken up with non-DIY products such as luggage and toys. The Do It All strategy is to achieve brand differential, a problem for all the DIY retailers in a commodity market. The company is responding by grouping products to correspond to different DIY tasks, with information leaflets on how to do 60 jobs from painting and wallpapering through to major repairs.

Texas Homecare is positioning itself closer to home furnishings with an important market share in pine furniture and kitchen units, while Homebase, with 3 per cent of the market, is competing head-on with the garden centres.

Kleinwort Benson believes that B&Q, with its policy of everyday low prices, will keep the squeeze on competitors such as Do It All. B&Q's own research told it that customers do not like special promotions and discounts. There is also evidence that in last year's discount war, shoppers stayed away in the hope that prices would be cut again on subsequent weekends. B&Q's new weapon is The Depot. These are much bigger sheds carrying larger stock ranges and are designed to appeal to the serious DIY enthusiast as well as trade buyers.

The decision to remove the B&Q name from the latest Depot stores, which provide as much as 70,000 sq ft of selling space, indicates that the company sees The Depot as a different retail animal altogether. Clive Vaughan, of Verdict, describes The Depot as a "category killer", an American-style retailing format already seen in this country in the form of Toys R Us.

According to NatWest Securities, B&Q's sales are set to rise from £1 billion to £2 billion by 1997-8, with 20 Depot stores opening every year for the next four years. John Richards, of NatWest, believes that sales growth will be achieved at the expense of the competition and he forecasts B&Q's share rising from 13 to 20 per cent over the same period. In spite of recent signs of life in the housing market, the B&Q management is not forecasting much growth in the sector to achieve its sales objective. A spokesman said: "We believe the 1990s won't see a resurgence of demand. The issue is to compete much harder."

Richard Hyman, of Verdict, believes the DIY market will suffer a shakeout over the next five years, but it is difficult to see which firms are likely to be the victims. Most of the players in the sector have wealthy parents. B&Q is owned by Kingfisher, the Woolworth and Comet retailing giant, and Texas Homecare's parent is Ladbroke.

NatWest speculates about the entry of new players such as Home Depot, of America, into the market. Another invader might be French Castorama, which runs on the principle of high volume and huge stock ranges. Sales over this Easter weekend will tell the DIY bosses who has got the formula right.



Full of energy: Abel Matutes, European commissioner

Liberal winds are blowing through European energy

Ross Tieman believes that the pressures of competition will force Europe's industries to demand free markets in gas and electricity

IT IS hard to picture Abel Matutes, the millionaire hotelier and former mayor of Ibiza, as a Mediterranean Sir James McKinnon. But the vision of competing suppliers in traditional monopolies that has directed the provocative course of the doughty Scots head of Ofgas for so long, is not foreign to Europe's new Spanish energy commissioner.

British Gas is fighting to prevent a Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommendation that it be broken up. The issues of competition in utilities are complex.

The MMC assessors would do well to read the EC's draft proposals for the internal market in natural gas before formulating their conclusions. It would be in no one's interest for the MMC to frame one future for Britain's gas industry, only to have it recast by Señor Matutes.

What is true in gas is no less true in electricity and telecoms. Britain is no longer an island, entire of itself. What were once "natural monopolies" are being exposed to competition through changes in technology and circumstance. A debate is growing across Europe about the extent to which natural monopolies remain and what is to be done about them. The signs are that liberalisation is back on the agenda.

Article 9 of the Treaty of Rome is the starting point. In 1957, Europe's founding fathers recognised the principle that public undertakings should not have unfair advantages over private companies. That was quietly forgotten until Electricité de France, the French national power company, caught up in the late-1980s enthusiasm for the single market, protested that it was hindered from exporting to Germany. The commission, forced by EdF to start thinking about utilities, saw them in the light of the single market. First, the commissioners reasoned that a single market in energy was a hitherto overlooked, essential plank of a single market in manufactured goods. How could energy-intensive industries, such as chemicals and steel, compete on an even footing unless they had access to energy at prices which reflected its production costs?

The market was being distorted. German steel producers were being forced to pay extraordinary prices for power to support their high-cost coal industry. Other states were offering cut-price bulk power prices. Everywhere, electricity utility accounts were so opaque it was impossible to discern how charges were formulated.

If this was true of electricity, what was happening in gas? The market was smaller. Many of the practices were clearly unsatisfactory. In a first phase of reform, the commissioners won from the council of energy ministers approval for two 1990 electricity directives. These obliged utilities to "facilitate" power exchanges. The gas transit directive, approved in May 1991, set out to maximise gas exchanges between non-neighbouring pipeline systems. Gas and electricity utilities were ordered to supply details of their charges to the commission.

The object of the measures was to encourage equalisation of gas and electricity prices at the lowest cost subject to distance across the EC. But the commission soon concluded that more was needed. By last spring, it had completed draft directives on gas and electricity, designed to go much further. Each concluded that the only area in which a natural monopoly still prevails is in the distribution mechanism. Free competition among suppliers for the business of end-users was to be the goal. The natural gas and electricity directives were to be the second phase in a three-stage process of liberalisation. They say any competent undertaking must be given a licence to produce electricity or gas, or to build pipelines. They require the separation of management and accounting of vertically integrated utilities, into production, transmission and distribution areas.

Finally, they provide for limited third party access to transmission systems, so that large industrial users, and distribution companies can obtain supplies at the cheapest price. Recognising the unfamiliarity of such concepts in some member states and the likelihood of opposition, the commission played the subsidiarity card for all it was worth.

States would have wide discretion to implement the directives in ways adapted to their own circumstances, but implemented they must be. "As the energy sector is of vital importance to many other industrial sectors, lack of progress in this field would be liable to jeopardise the entire operation." of the single market, the commission said. The second phase was supposed to come into effect on January 1, and the final stage was set for 1996. Dreams, all dreams. Only Britain and Portugal were wholeheartedly behind the measures. The council of ministers refused to sign.

The telecommunications directorate is also planning to open domestic and international telephone calls throughout the community to competition. Martin Bangemann, the industry and telecoms commissioner, may soon find himself invited to join Señor Matutes on the deregulation bandwagon. The competitive forces unleashed by the single market initiative and recession have added to pressures for liberalisation. Sensing both commercial opportunities and a chance for economies, industry has taken up the cause.

Last month, BDA, the German employers' organisation, threw its weight behind the liberalisation initiative. That will put pressure on Unice, the European employers' confederation, to take a more active stance. Ministers may soon be told that unless they act, companies will force liberalisation through the courts. But governments are changing. In France, Italy and Spain, they may be more willing to contemplate an infusion of private sector capital into infrastructure development.

Note, too, the natural enthusiasm of Señor Matutes, an entrepreneur from a country well used to private-sector infrastructure projects, to make his mark in Europe. Allied to this is the Danish presidency, which seems prepared to divide the diminishing opposition by separating the gas and electricity directives. What is now at stake is the ability of Europe's industry to compete in global markets, and the security of our energy supplies.

Minimum-cost energy is essential to Europe's competitiveness. Diversity of source and interconnection are essential to security. Liberalisation of utilities is the way to achieve both. Rumour counts Señor Matutes

'As the energy sector is of vital importance to many other industrial sectors, lack of progress in this field would be liable to jeopardise the entire operation of the single market'

Profit and payout cuts on the cards at Forte

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

FORTE, Britain's largest hotelier, is expected to cut its dividend on Thursday and analysts say that asset writedowns may be on the cards.

In the light of the recent financial problems at debt-laden Queens Moat, Nigel Hicks, at Panmure Gordon, expects Forte to cut its dividend from 9.91p, costing about £80 million, to a still-uncovered level of about 6p a share.

Mr Hicks, towards the top-end of market expectations, has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £67 million, after about £7 million of first-half disposal losses, against £73 million last time. Market forecasts range from £36 million to £75 million. Headline earnings are expected to slip to 4.7p (6p) a share. The interest charge is forecast to rise to £123 million (£107 million) with Forte's debts estimated at £1.25 billion.

NatWest Securities, at the lower end of forecasts, expects the total payout to be reduced from 9.91p to only 5p as pre-tax profits for 1992 are halved to £36 million.

Forte, which also holds a 42.5 per cent voting stake in the The Savoy, will no doubt be hoping that a weak pound and signs of US economic recovery will herald the much-needed return of American tourists and overseas visitors to London this summer.

Forte's debts remain high despite last December's sale of the Gardner Merchant contract catering operation, which raised £342 million in cash. The persistent heavy debts mean that the company may have to cut its dividend to conserve cash, and, with debts of about £1.25 billion, giving gearing of about 40 per cent, there is even an outside chance of a rights issue.

With prestigious directors coming aboard recently, including Sir Anthony Tennant, deputy chairman, and Sir Paul Girolami, non-executive director, some in the City believe now might be a good time for Rocco Forte to heed the Cadbury report's advice and split the roles of chairman and chief executive.



Forte: time to split roles?

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WORD-WATCHING

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LEXINGTON

(c) A bloody little battle in Lexington, near Boston, Massachusetts, in April 1775, at the beginning of the American War of Independence, fought to secure military stores. It was followed by more bloody outbreaks at Concord, and then, in June, by the Battle of Bunker Hill, at which William Howard Russell's candid report in *The Times* of the inadequacies of the Patriots resulted in his expulsion from America.

SLUYS

(a) On June 24, 1340, the English fleet defeated and destroyed a large French fleet, supported by Spaniards and Genoese, at Sluys, off the Flemish coast. Neither side knew how to fight a sea battle. The French ships were chained together to form an impassable barrier, which it wasn't.

VICKSBURG BLUFF

(c) At Vicksburg Bluff in Mississipi on July 4, 1863, Confederate forces under General Joseph Pemberton surrendered unconditionally to Federal troops under General Ulysses Grant, who had been besieging them since May.

The MOG

(c) On January 26, 1885, at Khartoum, General Gordon was killed by a Dervish spear on the steps of his office and beheaded, while the relief force fought its way up the Nile against fierce opposition from the Mahdi's fanatics. After this disaster and national humiliation, Gladstone, the prime minister and GOM (Grand Old Man) became known as MOG (Murderer of Gordon).

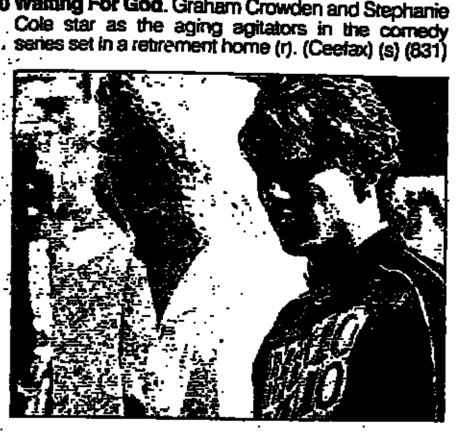
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7.00 News, regional news and weather (2693893)
7.10 Children's BBC beginning with **Tree of Love** (r) (s) (6044893) **7.35 Timeless Tales.** The story of *Rumpelstiltskin* (s) (7354251)
8.00 News, regional news and weather (4756831) **8.10 Postman Pat Special** (r) (4213541) **8.35 Favourite Songs.** Animated version of "Here Comes the Bride" (2071102)
9.00 News, regional news and weather (8689725) **9.05 Tales of the Whoop — Red Hot Brown** American comedy series (r) (1164676) **9.35 Why Don't You . . ?** (s) (4637247)
10.05 Playdays (r) (s) (8601386) **10.20 Rugrats.** Animated adventures (s) (7026980) **10.45 The O-Zone Special — East 17 in Israel** (s) (6695928)
11.00 Film: A Distant Trumpet (1964) starring Troy Donahue and Suzanne Pleshette. Standard cavalry western directed by Raoul Walsh (17394676) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (37147270)
1.00 News. (Ceefax) Weather (93765744)
1.15 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (86101152) **1.35 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (18817102)
2.05 Bank Holiday Grandstand presented by Ray Stubbs. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **2.10** Golf: Steve Rider comments on the US Masters which finished yesterday; **2.30** Motor Racing: the *Auto Trader* British touring car championship from Donington Park; **2.55** Ice Hockey: Murrayfield play Nottingham in a Heineken British league play off, **3.35** and **4.10** Swimming: the Optrex World challenge from Sheffield; **3.50** Racing from Fairyhouse: live coverage of the Irish Grand National; **4.40** Final Score (79862928)
5.05 Disneytime. Sarah Greene presents clips of Disney favourites from Penrhyn castle. (Ceefax) (9898367)
5.45 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (694657)
6.10 News. (Ceefax) Weather (606980) **6.25 Regional News Magazines** (343034)
6.30 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (947)
7.00 Wildlife on One Easter Special: Shadow of the Hare. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (7638)
7.30 Waiting For God. Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole star as the aging agitators in the comedy series set in a retrement home (r). (Ceefax) (s) (831)



In the fast lane: Kidman and Cruise (8.00pm)

8.00 Film: Days of Thunder (1990) starring Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall and Nicole Kidman. American motor racing drama, full of high-speed crashes, ego clashes and a beautiful brain-specialist who nurses the hero back to health after a near-fatal crash. Directed by Britain's Tony Scott. Ceefax) (s) (42008473)
9.45 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (364265)
10.00 Victoria Wood's All Day Breakfast A repeat of the comedienne's dazzling Christmas special. (Ceefax) (s) (440218). Northern Ireland: No Survivors in Burke Street
10.50 Paul McCartney — Up Close. Recorded in New York, a mixture of songs and reminiscences of John Lennon (s) (6360251)
12.00 Film: Cold Turkey (1971) starring Dick Van Dyke and Bob Newhart. Strident satirical comedy about a tobacco company's offer to pay $25 million to any town whose residents can give up smoking for 30 days. Directed by Norman Lear (413771)
1.40am Weather (6416315)

BBC2

8.00 The Power of Music. Paul McCartney presents three case histories demonstrating the therapeutic effect of music on those suffering from psychiatric problems or severe learning difficulties (r) (72713)
9.00 Film: The Bohemian Girl (1936, b/w). The first of a comedy double bill starring Laurel and Hardy. Directed by James W. Horne and Charles Rogers (7261454) **10.10 Film: Pack Up Your Troubles** (1932, b/w). The second Laurel and Hardy comedy. Directed by George Marshall and Raymond McCarey (6403283)
11.15 Film: Long Live the Lady (1987) starring Marco Esposito, Simona Brandalise and Steffania Busarello. Italian comedy about a group of teenagers who are hired as waiters for a sumptuous banquet. In Italian with English subtitles. Directed by Ermanno Olmi (59106522)
1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (r) (s) (93772034) **1.10 Spider** (r) (s) (13074947)
1.15 Motor Racing. Highlights of the European grand prix held yesterday at Donington Park (r) (9403589)
2.00 Gardeners' World (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4164)
2.30 Songs of Praise for Easter Day from Norwich Cathedral (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2043229)
3.10 Film: Gigi (1958) starring Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jordan. Sumptuous musical, winner of nine Oscars, about a young girl growing up in 1890s Paris. With Hermione Gingold and Eva Gabor. Directed by Vincente Minnelli (75506416)
5.00 Acoustic Routes. A documentary on the life of legendary guitarist Bert Jansch (9137096)
6.10 Film: The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (1989) starring Stephanie Beacham, Mel Smith and Geraldine James. Historical thriller, based on the children's novel by Joan Aiken, set during the reign of the imaginary James III of England when wolves roamed the countryside unchecked. Directed by Stuart Orme (8308096)
7.40 Concert for Bosnia recorded at the Grosse Festspielhaus, Salzburg. The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Sir Georg Solti and Claudio Abbado, perform works by Verdi, Wagner, Mahler, Schubert and Mozart in aid of the Austrian charity "Neighbours in Need" (411541)
8.45 Edgar Reitz — Return to Heimat. See Choice (100657)



Medieval sleuth: monk Sean Connery (9.45pm)

9.45 Film: The Name of the Rose (1986) starring Sean Connery and F. Murray Abraham. Heavygoing murder mystery set in a 13th-century Italian monastery where two bodies are found during a conference between Franciscan and Dominican monks. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud (717657) **11.50 Weather** (662928)
11.55 The Juliet Letters. The story of the musical collaboration between Elvis Costello and the Brodsky Quartet (r) (s) (526522). Ends at **12.55**

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CHOICE

Edgar Reitz: Return to Heimat
BBC2, 8.45pm

Edgar Reitz's *Heimat* explored 20th-century German history through the lives of ordinary people in a fictional Rhineland village. The mixture of the epic and the parochial produced a compelling drama, arguably a masterpiece. Reitz has since made a follow-up, *The Second Heimat*, which runs even longer (26 hours) and has received similar acclaim. It begins on BBC2 on Saturday. This documentary from the *Arena* stable forms an admirable trailer. The writer Carole Angier sat in on the filming, which took place over four years, and presents a clear, informative guide to Reitz, his outlook and his methods. *The Second Heimat* follows a young man's progress through the 1960s. It is essentially the story of Reitz himself.



Bunny behaviour: brown hares (BBC1, 7.00pm)

Wildlife on One Easter Special
BBC1, 7.00pm

Going a little outside its usual format, *Wildlife on One* presents a natural history documentary that mixes fact and legend and includes songs from Maddy Prior of Steeleye Span. The film explains how the Easter egg and the *Easter* bunny both have their origins in Anglo-Saxon perceptions of the brown hare as a sacred beast and symbol of fertility. That is the mythic element. More conventionally, we are treated to a year in the life of the hare, from winter through spring and summer, courtesy of the usual superb photography. Along the way it destroys the notion that hares are only mad (that is, flirtatious) in March. Their courtship lasts into the summer but by then the crops have grown and the hares are hidden from our view.

L.A. Requiem
Channel 4, 9.00pm

George Haggerty made a memorable documentary about the culture of American shopping malls. His subject here is funeral practices in California. The emphasis is on the tasteless and the eccentric. We visit Forest Lawn memorial park, dubbed the Disneyland of Death. We hear from the man who embalmed John Wayne. We are taken to a cemetery for pets and invited to admire the gravestone of a fish. Dr Timothy Leary, guru of the sixties, offers a message for the nineties. All of which is entertaining, in its gruesome way. But we have been here before, in Evelyn Waugh's *The Loved One*, and in many television forays. A more surprising film would have shown Americans burying their dead with discretion, dignity and respect.

The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna
ITV, 8.00pm

There is so much preamble about McKenna's hypnotism being pleasurable, safe and not capable of affecting viewers at home that you wonder if the show will ever get off the ground. When it does, you wonder why they were so defensive about it. For this is simply a variation on the well-tried formula of inviting ordinary folk on television to make fools of themselves. McKenna's hypnotic gifts are turned to nothing more sinister than getting his victims to forget the number seven or persuading them that the studio audience is sitting there without any clothes on. Also on the show are Lulu, Bobby Womack and Gloria Estefan. They have not been hypnotised. They always sing like that.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (7914473)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. The first of a new series of the game show hosted by Lennie Bennett (s) (7357183)
9.55 Film: Summer Magic (1962) starring Dorothy McGuire, Hayley Mills and Burl Ives. Likeable family comedy from the Disney studio about a newly widowed woman who moves from big city Boston to a small town in Maine where she and her family start to renovate a dilapidated house. Directed by James Neilson (19560034)
12.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (17657)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (28580102)
12.40 Laugh With the Carry Ons. A compilation of clips from the successful *Carry On* films (5005367)
1.10 Film: Mary Poppins (1964) starring Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke and David Tomlinson. Triumphant Disney mixture of animation and live action about a magical nanny who goes to work for a London banker and his family and changes all their lives. Directed by Robert Stevenson (Teletext) (63111837)
3.45 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (805837)
4.15 Film: Thunderball (1965) starring Sean Connery, Claudine Auger and Adolpho Celi. Above-par James Bond adventure in which the secret agent pits his wits against SPECTRE which is planning to steal two nuclear bombs from the Allies during a Nato exercise. Directed by Terence Young. (Teletext) (848305). Continues after the news
5.15 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext), sport and weather (5366763) **5.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (992299)
5.35 Film: Thunderball continued (3085183)
7.00 Busman's Holiday. Elton Welsby presents the travel and occupations quiz. (Teletext) (5034)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (299)



Mesmeric: McKenna, Lulu, Womack (8.00pm)

8.00 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna (s) See Choice (7367)
9.00 Film: Black Widow (1987) starring Debra Winger, Theresa Russell, Dennis Hopper and Nicol Williamson. Intriguing dark thriller with Winger as a female justice department investigator in obsessive pursuit of a young woman (Russell) who seduces, marries and murders wealthy men. Stylishly directed by Bob (*Five Easy Pieces*) Rafelson. (Teletext) (21195812)
10.55 News (Teletext) and weather (140096) **11.10 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (309947)
11.15 Film: Crowhaven Farm (1970) starring Hope Lange and Paul Burke. A made-for-television supernatural thriller about a couple who inherit a New England farm and move in, hoping to patch up their ailing marriage, but find themselves embroiled in witches, death and reincarnation. Directed by Walter Grauman (793657)
12.40 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (s) (2045042) **1.40 Sport AM.** Superbike action and European football (4806416)
2.40 60 Minutes. American news magazine (9640684)
3.30 Videofashion (63874) **4.00 Hollywood Report.** Showbusiness tittle-tattle (r) (s) (88139)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest releases reviewed (r) (46058)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (17058)
5.30 ITN Morning News (33481). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street (r)
6.45 Dennis. Animated adventures of a naughty boy and his friends (r) (3717893)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Paul Ross and Gaby Roslin (49305)
9.00 Wish Kid. Cartoon adventures (r) (28763)
9.30 The Batman (b/w) Gotham City's heroes in another action-packed story from the 1940s. Starring Lewis Wilson and Douglas Croft (r) (6899909)
9.50 Future Block. Canadian cartoon about computer-age banking (2713947)
10.05 Film: Thunderhead, Son of Flicka (1945) starring Roddy McDowall. Wholesome family adventure about a young rancher's son whose horse leads him to a secret valley where he finds mares stolen from his father's land by a wild albino stallion. Directed by Louis King (4977218)
11.30 Teletoons. Animation magazine (26947)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning entertainment (r) (34763)
1.30 Little Rosey Animated adventures of a baby Roseanne Arnold (r) (s) (56034)
2.00 Grow Your Greens The second of an eight-part series about vegetables, presented by Sophie Grigson (r) (s) (2560)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park and Fairyhouse. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 2.35 (Harcros Queen's Prize Handicap), 3.05 (Crinkly Bottom Handicap Stakes), 3.40 (Westminster Motor Taxi Insurance Rosebery Rated Stakes) and 4.10 (Quail Conditions Stakes) from Kempton and the 3.55, the Jameson Irish Grand National, from Fairyhouse (47928)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving, knock out general knowledge quiz The questionmaster is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (6666831)



Artful dodgers: O'Toole and Hepburn (5.05pm)

5.05 Film: How To Steal a Million (1966) starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter O'Toole. Middling crime caper about a master forger who donates a fake Cellini statue to a Paris museum. His daughter, convinced that it will be uncovered as a forgery, arranges for the work to be stolen. With Eli Wallach, Hugh Griffith and Charles Boyer. Directed by William Wyler. (Teletext) (73919812)
7.20 Channel 4 News summary (Teletext) and weather (828560)
7.25 Rock Steady Special. k d lang recorded in a May 1990 concert in Cork (689522)
8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (9096)
8.30 Surgical Spirit. A repeat of the hospital comedy starring Nichola McAuliffe as the acerbic surgeon Sheila Sabatini (1831)
9.00 L.A. Requiem. See Choice (8473)
10.00 Northern Exposure Off-beat American comedy about a New York doctor practising in the wilds of Alaska. Starring John Cullum and Barry Corbin (s) (172305)
10.55 South: Days of Hope. Uruguayan writer Eduardo Galeano and Argentinian writer Miguel Bonasso follow Chilean director Raul Ruiz in his search for old tales about the end of history (412560)
11.55 States of America. In the first of three debates from the United States, Christopher Hitchens questions leading Americans about their country's racial turmoil (551218). Ends at **12.55am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 11.15 Film: A Matter of Wife and Death (397522) **12.35** Film. Kenny Rogers as the Gambler — Part III (206357) **2.20** Sport AM (5386226) **3.20** The Beat (9966706) **4.30** Riviera (46058) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (33481)

BORDER
As London except: 11.15 Film: The Family Rico (397522) **12.35** Film: Kenny Rogers as the Gambler — Part III (206357) **2.20** Sport AM (5386226) **3.20** The Beat (9966706) **4.30** Riviera (46058) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (17058)

CENTRAL
As London except: 11.15 Film: Satan's Triangle (397522) **12.35** Crime Story (2046771) **1.35** Genesis. No Admittance (4949394) **2.40** 60 Minutes (9631936) **3.50** Jobfinder (8163597) **4.50** Karm Bhoomi (14900313) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6213139)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.10 Stuntmasters (9491744) **1.55** Film: Thunderball (47876522) **4.15** Home and Away (693657) **4.45** ITN News (6995218) **5.00-7.00** The Granada Match Tranmere Rovers v Barnsley (98522) **11.10** The Motor Show (444454) **11.50** The Equalizer (703744) **12.35** Film. Kenny Rogers as the Gambler — Part III (206357) **2.20** Sport AM (5386226) **3.20** The Beat (9966706) **4.30** Riviera (46058) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (17058)

HTV WEST
As London except: 11.15 Film: The Spy Killer (397522) **12.35** Film: Kenny Rogers as the Gambler — Part III (206357) **2.20** Sport AM (5386226) **3.20** The Beat (9966706) **4.30** Riviera (46058) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (17058)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (17058)

SCOTTISH
As London except: 10.10 The White Lady and Her Red Companion (8888725) **10.20-12.00** Film: The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes (66949367) **4.15** Thomas Telteach's A Cheraideen (6072096) **4.20** Speaking Our Language (7411102) **4.50-5.15** Incredible Stunts and Jumps (7471102) **5.30** Wonderful World of Disney (420251) **6.25** Scotland Today (338102) **6.30** Take the High Road (265) **7.00-7.30** Scottish Action (5034) **11.20** Film: Best Defense (369560) **1.00** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (52665) **1.30** Annas Cuil (79874) **2.00** Film: Cheyenne Social Club (941226) **3.40** Hollywood Report (24997145) **4.05-5.30** Film: A Mother's Courage (9605145)

ULSTER
As London except: 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (563928) **12.05** Music From the Bridge (2448077) **12.35** Film: Kenny Rogers as the Gambler — Part III (206357) **2.20** Sport AM (5386226) **3.20** The Beat (9966706) **4.30** Riviera (46058) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (17058)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 11.15 Miller and Mueller (562299) **12.10** Soap (5325042) **12.35** Film: Kenny Rogers as the Gambler — Part III (206357) **2.20** Sport AM (5386226) **3.20** The Beat (9966706) **4.30** Riviera (46058) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (17058)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H (562299) **12.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (2447348) **12.40** Film: Goodbye Little One (819226) **2.15** Entertainment UK (507042) **3.15** Wolf (4035110) **4.10-5.30** Jobfinder (6165077)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49305) **9.00** Wish Kid (28763) **9.30** The Batman (6899909) **9.50** Future Block (2713947) **10.05** Film: Thunderhead, Son of Flicka (7590589) **11.25** Take That and Party (4385724) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (57763) **1.00** Lift Off (19164) **1.30** Blossom (56034) **2.00** Grow Your Greens (2560) **2.30** Channel 4 Racing (27641218) **4.25** Slot 23 (3839299) **5.00** Fifteen To One (3812) **5.30** Brookside (164) **6.00** News (633034) **6.15** Slot 23 (887980) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3676) **7.30** Sgorio (73676) **8.30** News (461744) **8.45** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (973305) **9.15** A-Z — Letters from the Homeless (434744) **9.30** Cheers (44299) **10.00** Northern Exposure (172305) **10.55** LA Requiem (412560) **11.55** Film: Tickets For the Zoo (588183) **1.25** Close

RTE 1
Starts: 11.30 The Radharc Documentary (2351251) **12.00** Challenging Times (1629367) **12.30** Santa Barbara (97720003) **12.55** News (97933812) **1.00** Film: Blue Murder at St Trinians (1514928) **2.30** The Big Race (5267102) **5.00** Emmerdale (9807034) **5.30** A Country Practice (4598102) **6.00** The Angelus (1150522) **6.01** Six-One (1060270) **6.14** Time Out (1189034) **6.15** Film: Broken Lance (49633893) **8.00** Lovejoy (1359522) **9.00** News (1296386) **9.15** Homefront (8573744) **10.10** Film: Spies Like Us (1538980) **11.55** News (1546015) **12.00** A Prayer at Bedtime (8993787) **12.05** Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 9.25 Children's Programmes **6.25** Home and Away (29620812) **6.55** News (83073560) **7.00** Grand Ole Opry Live (29486657) **7.30** Coronation Street (47225367) **8.00** News (89265367) **8.05** Blackboard Jungle (15950251) **8.30** Eerie, Indiana (29474812) **9.00** Cheers (72586251) **9.30** News (89690526) **9.35** Italian Football (64358454) **10.30** Larry Gogan's Golden Hour (14796454) **11.50** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24576102) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5175251) **9.10** Cartoons (5290454) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (79909) **10.00** Strike it Rich (4004947) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (1873706) **10.30** Concentration (31251) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (95473) **11.30** Falcon Crest (42909) **12.30pm** E Street (73725) **1.00** Another World (6361251) **1.45** Santa Barbara (605367) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (383928) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (619560) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4941454) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8909) **6.00** Games World (8251) **6.30** E Street (2831) **7.00** Rescue (9638) **7.30** Family Ties (8015) **8.00** I'll Take Manhattan: Second of a four-part mini series (31783) **10.00** Seinfeld (56560) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (89218) **11.30** Studs (34909) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (69744) **6.30** News and Business Report (390676) **9.30** Roving Report (64831) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (22367) **11.30** Business Report (33251) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (26183) **1.30** Good Morning America (27812) **2.30** Parliament Live (75676) **3.30** Parliament Live (51387) **4.30** News And Business Report (5928) **5.00** Live at Five (54473) **6.30** News and Business Report (50367) **7.30** Special Report (6657) **10.30** Special Report (70560) **11.30** ABC News (33541) **12.30am** Getaway (95855) **1.30** ABC News (51348) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (67058) **3.30** ABC News (62503) **4.30** Special Report (82752) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (71665)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (6960034)
10.00 Shipwrecked (1991): A boy embarks on a dangerous voyage (77541)
12.00 Earth Angel (1991): A prom queen returns to help her classmate (503270)
1.55pm Superman III (1983) Christopher Reeve combats his *alter ego* (28291812)
4.00 The Rocketeer (1991): A man becomes a superhero (96530152)
5.50 For Your Eyes Only (1981): Roger Moore stars as James Bond (64341560)
8.00 F/X2 — The Deadly Art of Illusion (1991): Special-effects expert Bryan Brown is framed for murder (93328096)
9.50 UK Top Ten (105980)
10.05 Pacific Heights (1990): Tenant Michael Keaton terrorises Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith (759909)
11.50 Silver Bullet (1985). Corey Haim combats a werewolf (312947)
1.25am Preppies (1990): Three girls exact revenge on their boyfriends (1784055)
2.45 I Was a Teenage Vampire (1988). Lycanthropic comedy (488981)
4.15 Victim of Beauty (1991): A kidnapper stalks the winner of a beauty contest (343961). Ends at **5.50**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.30pm The Mummy (1932, b/w): Boris Karloff sheds his bandages (18560)
8.00 Cool Hand Luke (1967): Paul Newman as a chain-gang prisoner (62257183)
10.05 Police Academy (1984): Rookie comedy starring Steve Guttenberg (843947). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Bandido (1956): Robert Mitchum as a gun-runner in Mexico (96096)
8.00 Where's Willy? A boy genius is a disappointment to his father (51676)
10.00 Smashing Time (1967): Two northern lasses arrive in London (75183)
12.00 The Pink Panther (1964): Peter Sellers plays Inspector Clouseau (41299)
2.00pm The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976): Peter Sellers saves the world (13524)
4.00 Revenge of the Pink Panther (1978): Presumed dead, Peter Sellers tracks his would-be killer (4183)
6.00 Jetsons: The Movie (1990): Animated space adventures (55541)
7.30 Xposure: Film news (1725)
8.00 Havana (1990): Romantic drama with Robert Redford and Lena Olin (63982251)
10.25 White Nights (1985): Mikhail Baryshnikov plays a Soviet ballet star trying to defect (41212638)
12.45am Deadly Game (1991): A millionaire plays a survival game (449481)
2.20 I'm Dangerous Tonight (1990): A red dress possesses evil powers (853597)
3.55 Stealing Heaven (1988): Story of the medieval lovers Heloise and Abelard (587058). Ends at **5.50**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (87015) **7.00** Jack High (80812) **8.00** Bulinders (81541) **9.00** Stretch (32589) **9.30** WWF Special Event (43589) **11.30** The Big League: Warrington v Wigan (50183) **1.30pm** World Sports Special (62218) **2.00** British Darts: Scotland v England (67102) **4.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (3102) **4.30** Windsurfing (9386) **5.00** Darts (as 2pm) (33218) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Blackburn Rovers v Ipswich Town (777676) **10.00** Soccer News (640763) **10.03** The Big League (as 11.30am) (48589) **12.00-2.00am** Football (as 7pm) (11868)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (13928) **8.00** Show Jumping (83909) **9.00** Cycling. Paris-Roubaix (81980) **10.00** Motorsport Magazine (79152) **11.00** Show Jumping (407270) **1.30pm** ATP Tennis from Japan (8311589) **5.00** European Grand Prix (8305) **6.00** Eurofun Magazine (5947) **6.30** Eurosport News (6299) **7.00** Show Jumping (64015) **8.00** Boxing (73763) **10.00** Eurogoals (63386) **11.00** Golf Magazine (29611) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (48724)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12734812) **6.15** Button Moon (12739367) **6.30** The Raccoons (6288218) **7.00** Defenders of the Earth (3930218) **7.30** Neighbours (3919725) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1358454) **8.30** EastEnders (1357725) **9.00** The Bill (1371305) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (5138928) **10.30** The Chinese Detective (6815270) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1842454) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1351541) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9797676) **1.00** EastEnders (3339589) **1.30** The Bill (9796947) **2.00** George and Mildred (7414744) **2.30** After Henry (6497314) **3.00** Dallas (1846270) **4.00** Dynasty (1865305) **5.00** Candid Camera (7405096) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (6192562) **6.00** Neighbours (5047873) **6.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (3780657) **7.30** George and Mildred (5942229) **8.00** EastEnders (7494980) **8.30** After Henry (7413015) **9.00** The Chinese Detective (9746034) **10.00** The Bill (1352270) **10.30** KYTV (1378218) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (1868034) **11.30** Dr Who: The Curse of Peladon (6268454) **12.00** Film: The Americano (1955) starring Glenn Ford and Frank Lovejoy (9844400) **1.30-2.00am** Video Bites (1601145)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Stories Without Words (34096) **6.30** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (11162819) **8.45** Jack in the Box (100102) **10.45** Stories Without Words (906170) **11.15** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (8790218) **12.30pm** Mask (83837) **1.00** Jack in the Box (4059560) **4.30** CDQ (9928) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (3251) **6.00-7.00** Fame (80638)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Piers Burton-Page. Including Corelli (Concerto grosso in F, Op 6 No 12); Haydn (Symphony No 50 in C); Bach, transcr Busoni (Capriccio on the departure of a beloved brother); Falla (Pedrelliana, Homenajes)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Palestrina. Mass, Quem dicunt homines; Motet, Jesus junxit se (Taverner Consort, Choir and Players under Parrott)
10.00-12.30am Bernstein Day: A celebration of Leonard Bernstein's love affair with Manhattan, starting with **I Feel Like I'm Not Out of Bed Yet**: Live from the BBC's New York studios, Humphrey Burton and Jamie Bernstein Thomas outline the events of the day
10.15 The New York Philharmonic Debut Concert: On November 14, 1943, Bernstein replaced Bruno Walter and conducted this concert in Carnegie Hall. Schumann (Manfred Overture); Strauss (Don Quixote); Wagner (Overture, Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg). During the interval, Humphrey Burton talks to Bernstein's younger brother
11.45 Fancy Free: Shirley, Bernstein's sister, introduces a 1963 recording of the ballet by the New York Philharmonic under Bernstein
12.20pm Bernstein on the Box: Humphrey Burton discusses Bernstein's career as a television presenter. With a recording of Bernstein talking about and then performing Beethoven (Symphony No 3, Eroica — first movement)
1.05 Carmen: Manhattan Opera Chorus, the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Children's Chorus under Bernstein perform Acts 1 and 2 of Bizet's opera. **3.00** Marilyn Horne, who sings the title role, discusses working with Bernstein. **3.15** Acts 3 and 4
4.20 . . . all them arias and barcarolles: Lukas Foss, Jack Gottlieb, Leonard Slatkin and John McClure discuss Bernstein's concert music
5.00 Bernstein Symphony No 1, Jeremiah (New York Philharmonic under the composer, with Jennie Tourel)
5.30 The Bernstein Archive: Curator Karen Bernstein shows Humphrey Burton around the treasure trove of memorabilia
6.15 I Hate Music: Bernstein's smaller-scale concert music, including *I Hate Music* and *Arias and Barcarolles*
7.30 The Philharmonic Years: Carlos Moseley introduces a recording of the Philharmonic at the Lincoln Center in 1962. Vaughan Williams (Serenade to Music). Bernstein's friends and colleagues introduce music with New York connections, including Bernstein (Candide — excerpts); Vivaldi (Spring, The Four Seasons); Bernstein (Chichester Psalms); Copland (Clarinet Concerto); Mahler (Symphony No 5, Adagietto); Bernstein (Symphonic Dances from West Side Story)
10.00 Bernstein on Broadway: The composer's librettists, directors and producers in conversation with Mark Steyn
11.00 On the Town: Adolph Green and Betty Comden recall working with Bernstein in *On the Town* and introduce the 1960 recording. During the interval, Bernstein's sister, Shirley, talks to Humphrey Burton **12.30-12.35am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55**, Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Richard Matthewman (final part) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week from Budapest. Melvyn Bragg's guests are Viktor Orban, leader of FIDESZ, the young people's party; theatre critic Eniko Tegyi; Eniko Bollobas, feminist and diplomat: Dr Laszlo Csaba, economic trends expert, and Nick Denton of the *Financial Times*
10.00-10.30 The Year in Question (FM only): *PM* v *Today*
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from Christ Church in Reading
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. Bill Paterson and Barbara Leigh-Hunt read poetry on the theme of Easter
10.30 Woman's Hour: See Choice. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: A postbag edition with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Counterpoint with Ned Sherrin **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Weir of Hermiston: Robert Louis Stevenson's unfinished novel, completed and dramatised by Robert Forrest. With Paul Young, Forbes Masson and Wendy Seager (r)
3.30 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to Ruth Deech, principal of St Anne's College, Oxford
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the autobiography of the Scottish historian John Prebble; and investigates the poetry of George Herbert
4.45 Short Story: Run and Ask Daddy If He Has Any More Money, by Fay Weldon. Read by Jana Lapotaire
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz, chaired by Barry Took (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper visits a soup kitchen in Moscow (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Glamour: Christopher Priest's adaptation of his novel. Richard, the victim of a car bomb, struggles to regain his memory. Susan tries to reintroduce him to the enchanting world of "the glamour". With Tilly Vosburgh and Nathaniel Parker
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight: Sarah Dickins analyses the effectiveness of the Welsh Development Agency **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Tim Sebastian
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: On the Third Day, by Piers Paul Read. Charles Simpson reads the sixth of ten parts
11.00 You Heard It Here First: After Henry, by Simon Brett. Starring Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson and Benjamin Whitrow (r)
11.30 Servants of the Empire: Egypt. The first of two programmes about Britons in the Middle East (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Woman's Hour: Joking Apart! *Radio 4, 10.30am.*
Does this fun-and-games edition celebrate the publication today of *The Woman's Hour Book of Humour*? Or does the book celebrate the programme? A bit of both, probably. The book's launch is certainly boosted by Maggie Steed's reading of Laurie Graham's contribution, *Baby Rules*, which the live audience responds to as generously as it does to the wisecracks and wisdom of the other panellists, Caroline Quentin, Helen Lederer, Stephanie Calman, Ellen Galford, and Liz Lochhead. Jenni Murray does not let the boisterousness get out of hand.

And Now Read On. *Radio 5, 12.30pm.*
Phil Rickman's books programme is one of the feathers in Radio 5's cap — shortish, sharpish, non-bookish interviews and just enough pop music to separate the items and helpfully comment on them. Religion binds today's interviews which are, *inter alia*, with Susan Howatch, Brian Moore and Gary Kilworth and, aptly, the programme's Top Ten books list reflects the tastes of customers in a cathedral city, Winchester.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates Solid Gold **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.35** Bank Holiday Roadshow from Southampton **2.00** Steve Edwards in the Afternoon **4.30** Barbed Wireless **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection Bank Holiday Special **8.30** The Big Holy One **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Emma Freud **12.00-4.00** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner with The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Elizabeth Power **1.00pm** Jack Jackson (r) **2.00** Ed Stewart **4.00** Easter Bonnets! with June Whitfield **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** The Radio 2 Lecture: Popular Culture — the Endangered Oxymoron. The guest speaker is Richard Stilgoe (r) **7.35** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz **10.00** The Best of Syd Lawrence (6/8) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Charles Nove with Night Ride **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** And Now Read On. See Choice **1.05** A Little Lower Than the Angels, by Geraldine McCaughrean (1/5) (r) **1.35** Sport on Five, with John Inverdale. Football: Premier and Barclay's Leagues; Irish Grand National; Rugby Union: Swansea v Barbarians **6.30** Crimewaves (1/6) **7.15** The Adventures of Endill Swift, by Stuart McDonald **7.30** Champion Sport: Blackburn Rovers v Ipswich **9.30** It's My Party: Elizabeth Emanuel **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Recording of the Week **7.30** Heritage **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Indians Abroad **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** Business Headlines **10.08** Salt, Mustard, Vinegar, Pepper **10.15** An English Alphabet **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Heritage **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Kurt Weill **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Father and Son **3.45** A Taste of Soul **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **11.15** Music for the Millions **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** But Why a Degree? **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Quote, Unquote **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **4.00** News **4.15** Sport

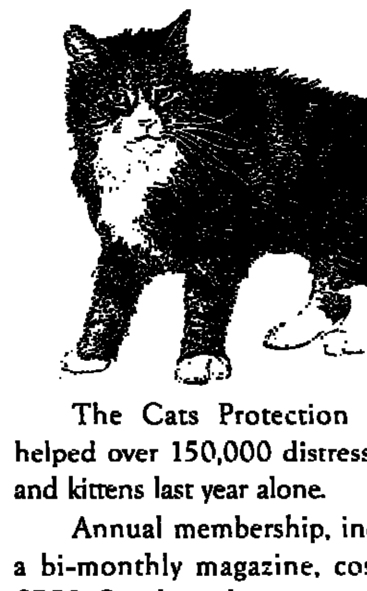
CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Eating with Rossini **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Rodrigo (Concierto de Aranjuez); Lalo (Symphony in G minor) **2.00** HMS Pinafore **4.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Sir Colin Davis conducts Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor); Haydn (Symphony No 104) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Adrian Love

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Fayeds reject £300m HoF chain buyout

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

■ House of Fraser's owners, the Fayed brothers, face a tough debt refinancing schedule following their refusal to agree terms for a management buyout

THE Fayed brothers have turned down a £300 million offer to buy the House of Fraser department store chain from its management, complaining that the offer price was too low.

This latest development will put pressure on the Fayeds when they meet their banks later this month. It is believed the banks had welcomed the possibility of a management buyout as a way to ease House of Fraser's debt. Without a deal on the table, the Fayeds might have to reschedule their debt payments.

The last published accounts for House of Fraser Holdings, for the year to January 1992, show bank loans of £150 million payable in 1993-4, £50 million in 1994-5 and more than £560 million in 1995-6. Total borrowings exceed £775 million.

The financial pressure placed on the group by servicing this level of debt is revealed in the accounts. Although House of Fraser Holdings, which includes Dickins & Jones, D H Evans, Dingles and Army & Navy stores, made an operating profit of £53 million on turnover of £1.2 billion, an interest bill of more than £99 million forced it into losses. The group is not generating much cash either, despite halving its capital expenditure. Without the disposal of its credit card division, which was sold to GE Capital during that year, the group would have suffered a net cash outflow for the second year running. Its bank overdraft rose from £7.8 million to £8.7 million.

House of Fraser plc, the main subsidiary, was forced to raid its reserves to pay a dividend, which was halved from the previous year.

However, Michael Cole, a House of Fraser director, insisted last week that the company's financial position was "entirely satisfactory" and dismissed suggestions that it was coming under pressure from its banks. He refused to confirm whether the group was due to meet its bankers.

An insider said last week: "House of Fraser wants to renegotiate its loans before it resumes talking about a sale. It is better to negotiate from a position of strength."

Mr Cole, however, said that an MBO was now not on the cards, although he added: "Everything is for sale at the right price." The proposed deal, which excludes the flagship Harrods store, was expected to be led by James Walsh, House of Fraser's finance director, and Andrew Jennings, the managing director.

Electra Kinsway, a leading venture capital company, is still considering financing a buyout and is continuing to conduct due diligence on the 62-store retail chain despite the Fayeds' rejection of the initial offer.

More than 20 potential investors and lenders have received documents containing information on the group and the planned buyout. Newspaper reports have suggested these were circulated by Stephen Hester, joint head of mergers and acquisitions at Credit Suisse First Boston and an acquaintance of Mohamed Al-Fayed. Mr Hester refused to comment.

This is not the first time the Fayeds have considered a sale of their retailing empire. However, most offers have fallen well short of the £615 million they paid for House of Fraser in 1985.

It is also believed that the Egyptian brothers are considering selling their 10.6 per cent holding in Sears, the retail group, which they bought in 1987. A number of investment banks, including Kleinwort Benson and Goldman Sachs, which are known for doing big block trades, have been offered the 159 million shares. At last week's closing price of 103p, their investment was worth almost £164 million.

Shares in House of Fraser Holdings are owned by the Alfayed Investment Trust in Liechtenstein.

PAUL EDWARDS



Changing places: Gwen and David May outside the village shop in Muker, North Yorkshire, which they bought seven years ago

From City life to running the village store

BY DEREK HARRIS

IN 1985, David May was a foreign currency broker in the City, who had been in the job for 20 years. He commuted from North Fambridge, Essex, where Gwen, his wife, was a WRVS area organiser and was bringing up their two sons. That year found the family sitting outside the village store in Muker, licking ice cream and looking out over the magnificence of Swaledale in the North Yorkshire Dales. Regretfully, they headed south back to the £40,000-a-year remuneration package that went with his job.

A few months later, just before Christmas, Mr May was called in by his boss and told that, although it had been a good year, everyone would have to work harder in the next 12 months, or jobs would have to go. Mr May, now 47, said: "I went home thinking I am only 40. I have already been doing the job all this time and in reality I have another 20 years to go. That's only half way. Is that what I really want to do with the rest of my life?"

The next morning he saw a newspaper advertisement offering for sale a village store and adjoining tea room in the North Yorkshire Dales. It turned out to be the business at Muker. He and his wife drove up there, looked at the shop and bought it on the spot. Mr May says: "We love it. We will never be rich but we really enjoy it and have never looked back."

They had made their move at what turned out to be the height of the property market. They sold their home for £96,000, putting down at Muker £49,000 for the bricks and mortar that included a four-bedroom 300 year-old ex-Church of England vicarage. It was another £30,000 for the somewhat rundown business with another £4,000 needed for stock.

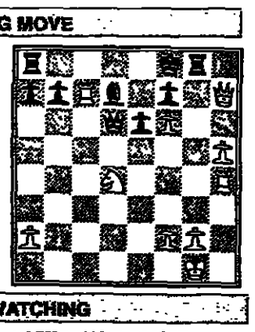
They took out a £30,000 business development loan — which they consider a bad mistake — to bring the tea shop up to a high standard. They had no experience and learnt by their mistakes. Mr May, who runs the shop with his wife and eldest son, Stuart, 22, said: "We bumbled and fumbled along and got through." Their turnover has increased from £20,000 to £110,000 a year — £80,000 from the shop with 80 per cent of custom coming from visitors and £30,000 from the tea-room. Both make good profit margins, according to Mr May. In the winter, they look after the locals, mainly elderly people. They regard it as a service.

Mr May makes a 100-mile round trip each week to a Stockton-on-Tees cash and carry to buy all they need, even to the milk. He said: "Despite this, essentially it has gone extremely well. The first two years were a struggle because we were building up from nothing, but it is fine now."

He added: "One thing we did find was that as soon as you start making a success officialdom comes down on you. The first year I went through the VAT barrier and because I registered after and not before, because I did not think we would do it, I was fined £100. The privatised industries like electricity, water and telephones have charged us as much as they can. The business rate has doubled." Mr May said: "The recession has not troubled us really. The elderly come and they are the ones with the money to spend. But the young couples with children are not spending like they used to because they haven't the money any more."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Stahlberg — Sefc, Trencanske Teplice 1949. White has a promising attacking position but his rook is under threat. Can you spot his brilliant solution?

Solution on Page 34.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

HISTORICALS

LEXINGTON
a. A cross-bred *Bedlington*
b. A simplified Greek dictionary
c. A British victory

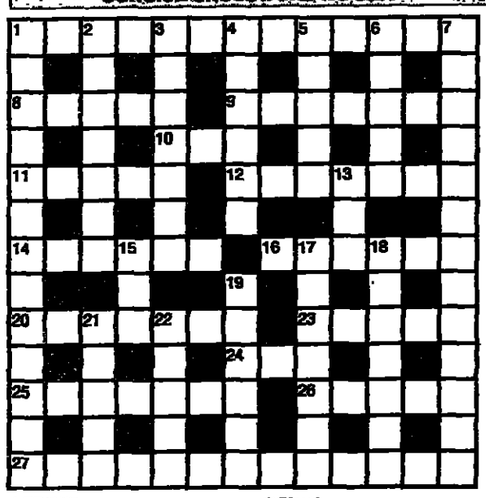
SLUYS
a. A naval victory
b. Fenland drainage system
c. A quart of beer

VICKSBURG BLUFF
a. Kasparov's special defence
b. A Boer victory in the Transvaal
c. A Confederate strong-point

THE MOG
a. A feline columnist
b. Master of Gonville and Caius
c. William Ewart Gladstone

Answers on page 34

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3059



ACROSS
1 Complete blackout (5,8)
8 Long forearm bones (5)
9 Deductively (1,6)
10 Drunkard (3)
11 "Dumb" Marx brother (5)
12 A person's self (7)
14 That much (2,4)
16 Let go by (4,2)
20 Rope executioner (7)
23 Elevate (5)
24 Unions body (1,1,1)
25 Ship plate pinner (7)
26 Spur wheel (5)
27 Progress through effort (4,4,3,2)

DOWN
1 Hit a nerve (5,2,3,3)
2 Supporting stem (7)
3 Lariats (7)
4 Ammonium/TNT (6)
5 "Lord have mercy" (5)
6 Wear away (5)
7 British phlegm (5,5,3)
13 Mayday call (1,1,1)
15 Ovum (3)
17 Plane personnel (7)
18 Ship launch area (7)
19 Right of entry (6)
21 At no time (5)
22 Family maxim (5)

Solution to Saturday's Jumbo concise crossword

ACROSS: 1 Garter King of Arms 9 Windowsill 15 Southern Rhodesia 16 Alto 17 Stand 18 Redescend 19 Eldest 20 Concretism 22 Noodles 24 Earls 25 Reciter 26 Namur 28 Misjudges 30 Gestation 32 Aquaria 33 Knights of the Round Table 39 Osteopath 40 Celibates 42 Pharaoh 43 Vitrine 44 Numerical 45 Committal 46 Local Defence Volunteers 53 Elapses 54 Departing 55 Sets scene 56 Noter 57 Sangria 58 Tutor 59 Crowded 60 Curvatures 62 Pinion 63 Workhorse 65 Iceni 66 Drop 67 Standardisations 68 Steaminess 69 Scarlet Pimpernel

DOWN: 1 Gastronome 2 Roundhouse 3 Ethos 4 Kernels 5 No redress 6 On one's right 7 Agendas 8 Maidservant 10 Illgotten 11 Drop curtain 12 Western Australia 13 Iraqi 14 Lady Margaret Hall 21 Accidental 23 Loud 27 Mere boasts 29 Gunwale 31 Spoiler 34 Go hence 35 Ossicle 36 Gonville and Caius 37 Statecraft 38 Socialist realism 40 Comic opera 41 Bacilli 42 Pomfret 47 Eases burden 48 Verbalistic 49 Nightingale 50 Esso 51 Tenderloin 52 Seed vessel 54 Dangerous 55 Screwed up 58 Thinner 59 Chrisom 61 Reeve 64 Hythe

Hotels auditor may be replaced

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE small firm of auditors that signed off the report and accounts of Queens Moat Houses, the troubled hotels group where a team of accountants is going through the books over the holiday weekend, is likely to be replaced by a larger practice.

Bankers, who are owed £1.2 billion, are believed to be keen to see one of the big accountancy firms, most likely Arthur Andersen, which already works for Queens Moat, installed as the auditor.

Andersen would, therefore, replace Bird Luckin, the long-time auditor, which has an office in Bloomsbury, London, and branches in Essex, mainly close to Queens Moat's Romford headquarters. The auditor was unavailable for comment last night.

Full details of the company's financial position will not be available for some weeks, but Queens Moat appears to have been humbled by the policy surrounding allocation of profits from hotels run by managers working as effective franchisees under its unusual incentive scheme, whereby they retain all earnings above a certain level.

Grant Thornton, rushed in by the banks as emergency auditor when John Bairstow, the company's chairman, brought the extent of the problems to their attention late last month, has indicated that a rewriting of the books for 1992 will transmute profits before tax of £80 million into losses of the same size.

Barclays Bank, one of the two co-ordinating banks, is trying to establish the legal ownership of the money in various accounts spread around the group, mainly in Britain and Germany. There is particular concern about the need to pay a DM1.8 million interest payment on a loan to German banks, which is due tomorrow.

David Hersey, the finance director, and Martin Marcus, the deputy chairman, have been suspended.

Lex pays for loss of office

BY OUR CITY STAFF

LEX Service, the car distributor, has made its second heavy compensation payment to cover loss of office in two years, with £233,000 registered in the 1992 accounts.

Lex says the payment includes £35,000 in pension enhancement costs and £5,000 as the estimated value of non-cash benefits. Two directors left the board during the year. Alan Costin, the finance director, left in May, soon after the retirement of Sir Terence Higgins, who was a non-executive. The company was unavailable for comment yesterday, but it is believed the payment was to Mr Costin.

The 1991 accounts showed that Peter Turnbull, former managing director, received a £637,000 compensation package, slightly ahead of that year's pre-tax profits.

In March last year, Lex announced the loss after 33 years of the franchise to import Volvo cars. The departure of the finance director was announced soon afterwards.

Administrators hopeful of Roxburghe payout

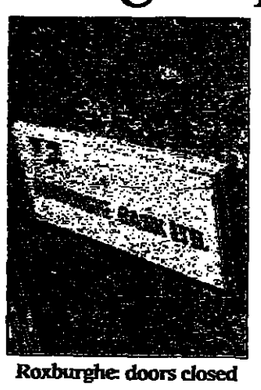
BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

ACCOUNTANTS examining the books of the crashed Roxburghe Bank, which went into administration at the end of last week, are trying to put together a scheme of payment that might allow depositors access to some of their funds within the next few weeks.

Letters will be sent to the depositors this week, and will offer some crumbs of comfort to members of the Asian community in Britain who fear for their deposits.

Price Waterhouse, the administrator, has been trawling the records at Roxburghe's Regent Street offices and its branch in Hounslow, west London, for the addresses of depositors. The task of informing all of them has been made more difficult because large numbers are out of the country, in Kenya or India.

Colin Bird, one of the joint administrators, said: "We're trying to put together plans for a payment scheme that gets them as much money as possible, and we're going back to the courts in three weeks."



Roxburghe: doors closed

Under the rules that govern administration, the sanction of the courts is needed before frozen funds can be freed. It is thought that about half the £40 million that is owed to the bank's creditors is in cash, spread around a number of other banks, and half is in the form of loans to businesses, mainly Asian. The administrators' urgent job is to assess the value of those loans, and it is on this that will hang depositors' prospects for getting all their money back.

Depositors will learn from the letters this week of the administration and of its immediate implications, in that their accounts are now frozen, and of the possible payment scheme. The administration was forced on the bank after a wave of withdrawals in recent months from investors apparently prompted by rumours in the Asian financial community that all was not well.

These rumours appear to have been triggered by successive failures of other Asian-backed banks, starting with BCCI and continuing in a line through Mount Banking and most recently Equatorial Bank, which went into administration in March.

Sources close to the bank were pointing to the statement in the letter to depositors that there were still large amounts of money on deposit as a hopeful sign. "It's not usual to strike even a mild note of optimism," one said.

Blue Bird flies back in search for new glories

JOHN MANNING



Taste for action: Bruce Murray, who intends to lead Blue Bird into battle

BY RODNEY HOBSON

BLUE Bird Confectionery, long written off as a war casualty, is coming out of the bunker fighting.

The 99-year-old company, shellshocked from changes of ownership, is trying to recreate its post-war heyday when the swooping bird logo was widely recognised and children of an austere era ate the toffees and made use of the tins as pencil cases.

Bruce Murray, the general manager, stood under a portrait of Sir Winston Churchill in the war cabinet rooms beneath Whitehall to announce that he was leading the brand out to reclaim past glories.

He said: "Everything that could be done to kill a company off was done to Blue Bird."

The founding family of the company brought Blue Bird to a stock market listing in 1953. It was taken over by a Middle Eastern investor and became a private company again in 1969.

Hillsdown, the foods group, picked it up in 1989 as part of its buying spree that saw companies being acquired at the rate of two or three week.

Hillsdown decided to merge Blue Bird with Needler. It closed down the Needler factory but virtually abandoning the Blue Bird name except for exports.

When Hillsdown realised it had bitten off more than it could chew, it allowed the management to buy out Blue Bird in 1989.

Although the buyout was a disaster — management was too financially extended to be able to invest — the Blue Bird Confectionery name was saved.

Now Jack Chia-MPH, a Singapore company, is investing in the Hunmington factory south of Birmingham where 55 loyal staff keep the conveyor belt rolling.

Mr Murray said: "They don't need a computer to tell them if the toffee is up to standard. They just need to look at it."

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